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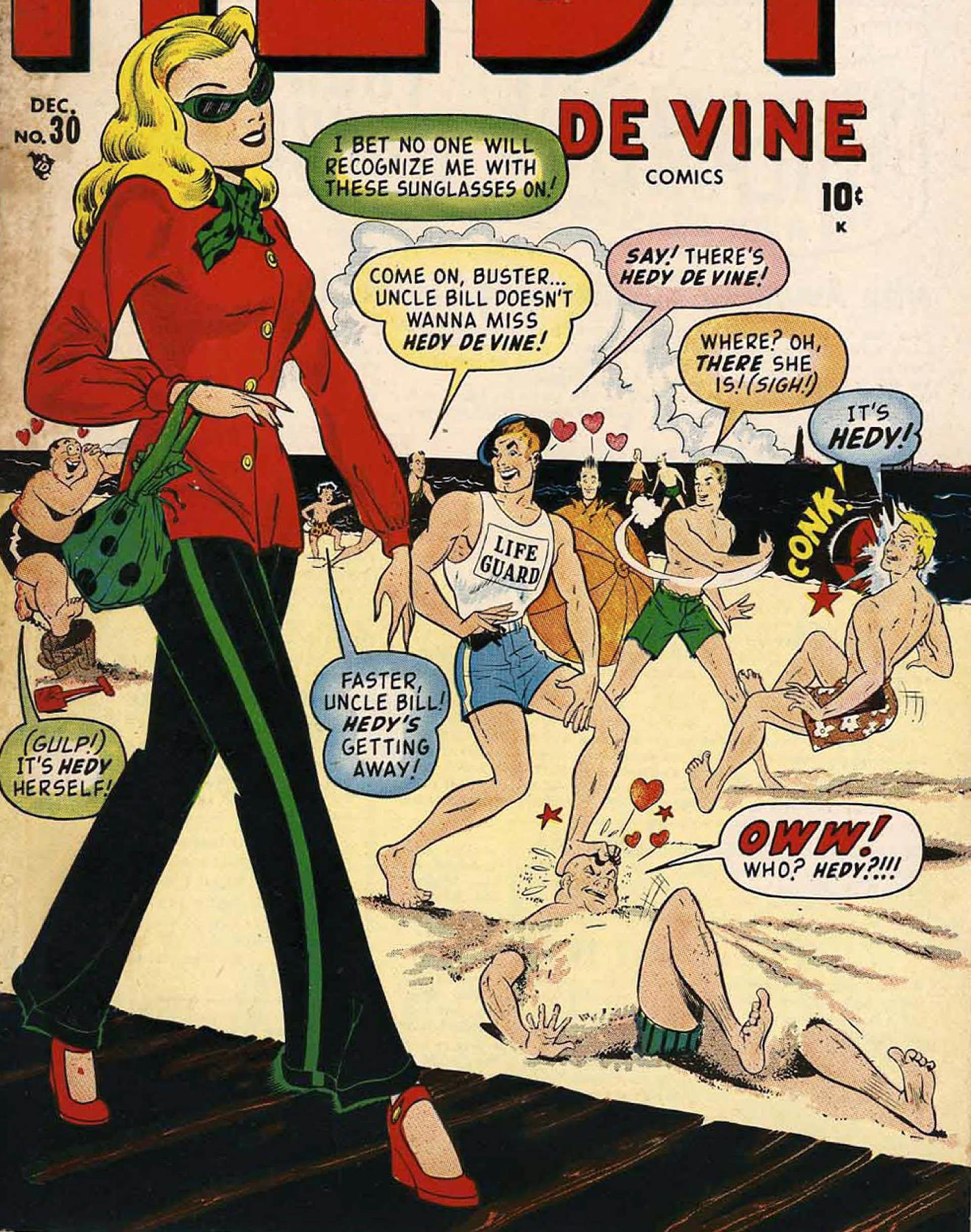
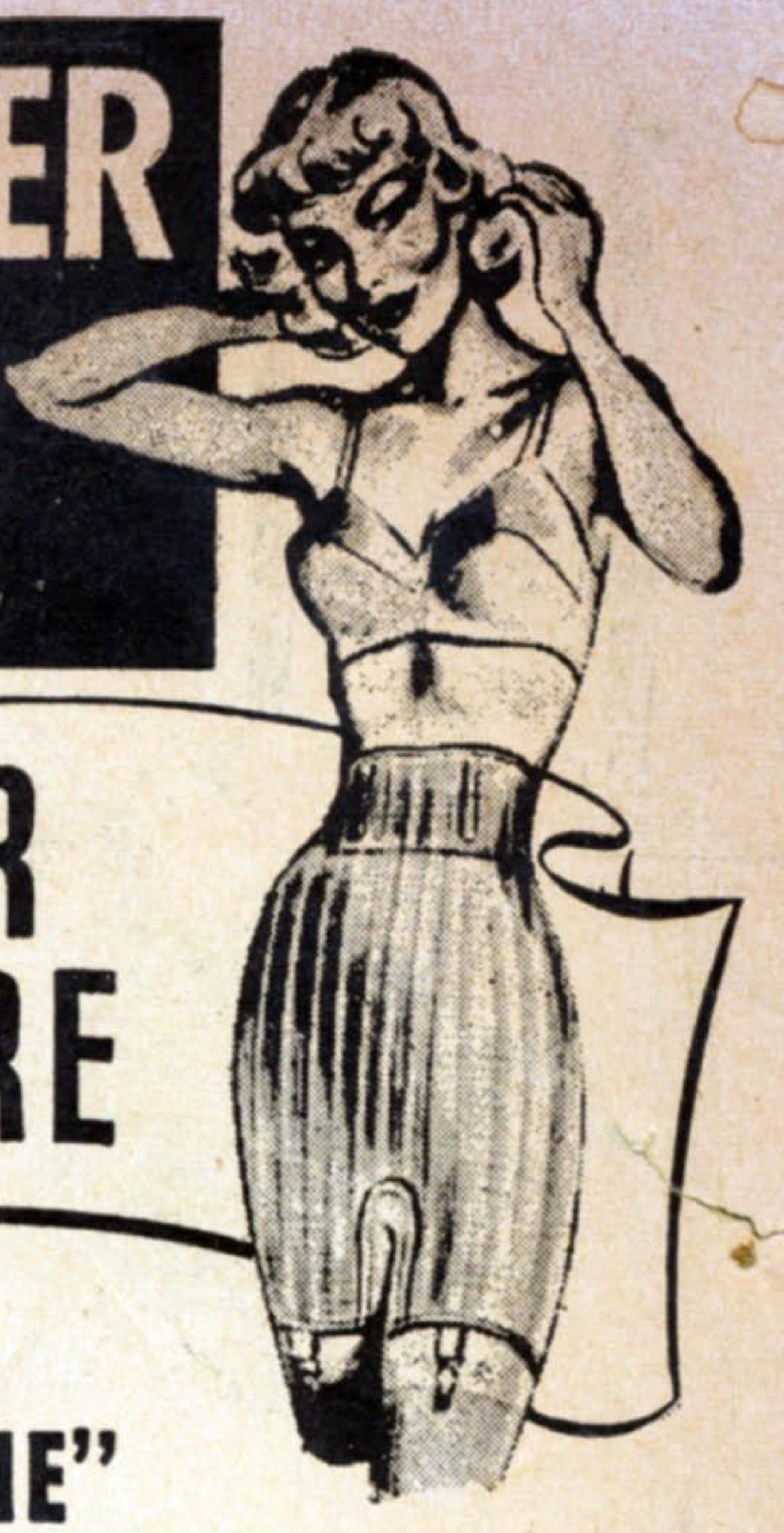


I BET NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE ME WITH THESE SUNGLASSES ON!
COME ON, BUSTER... UNCLE BILL DOESN'T WANNA MISS HEDY DE VINE!
SAY! THERE'S HEDY DE VINE!
WHERE? OH, THERE SHE IS! (SIGH!)
IT'S HEDY!
CONK!
LIFE GUARD
FASTER, UNCLE BILL! HEDY'S GETTING AWAY!
(GULP!) IT'S HEDY HERSELF!
OWW! WHO? HEDY?!!!

LOOK SLIM, SLENDER
AND FEEL LIKE SIXTEEN
INSTANTLY!



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Does your tummy spread where it should be slim? Does your waist bulge where it should be slender? Does your shape make you look years older than you really are. Do you want to *do* something about it? Of course you do! Nobody wants to have an ugly, shapeless figure.

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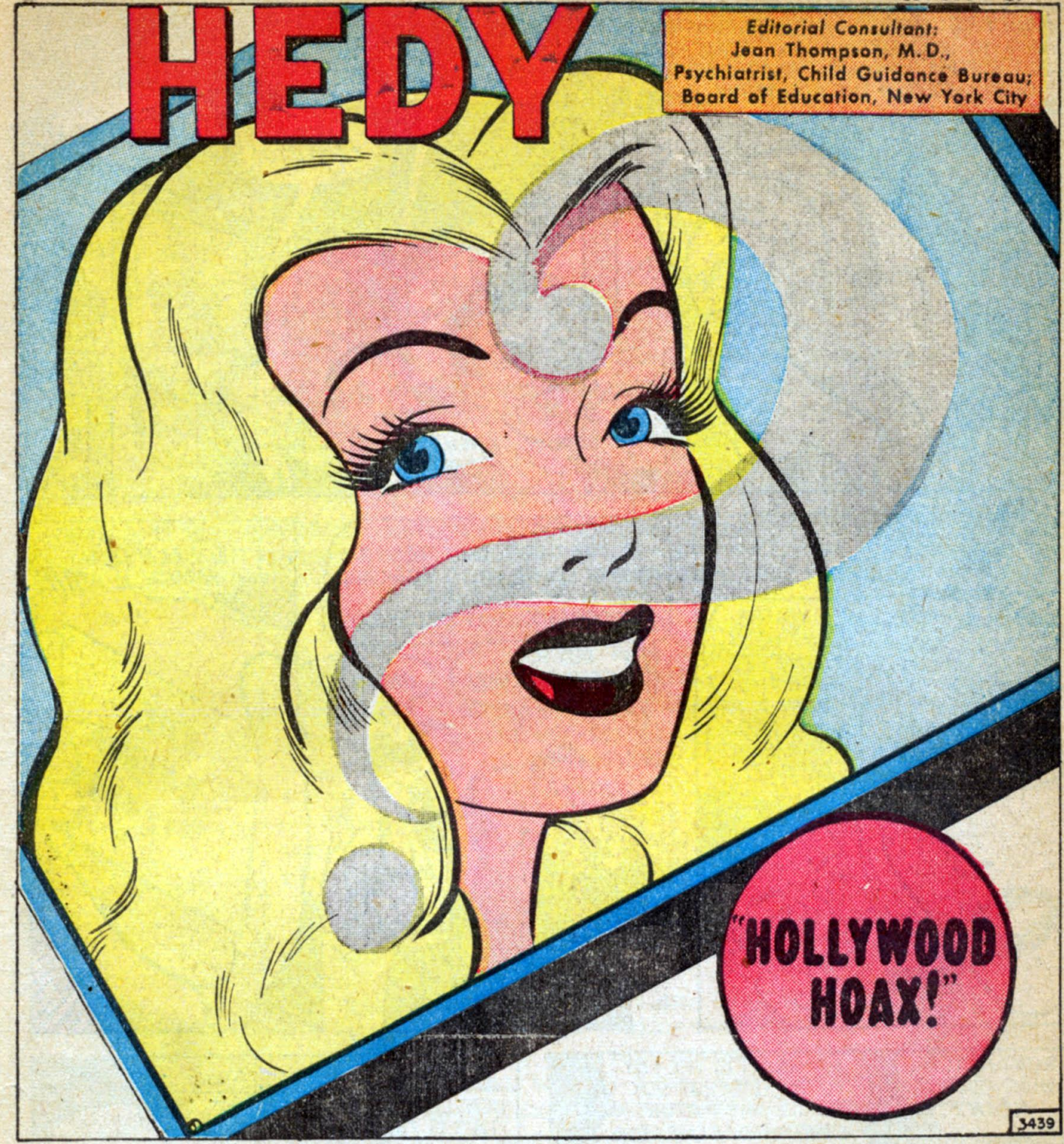
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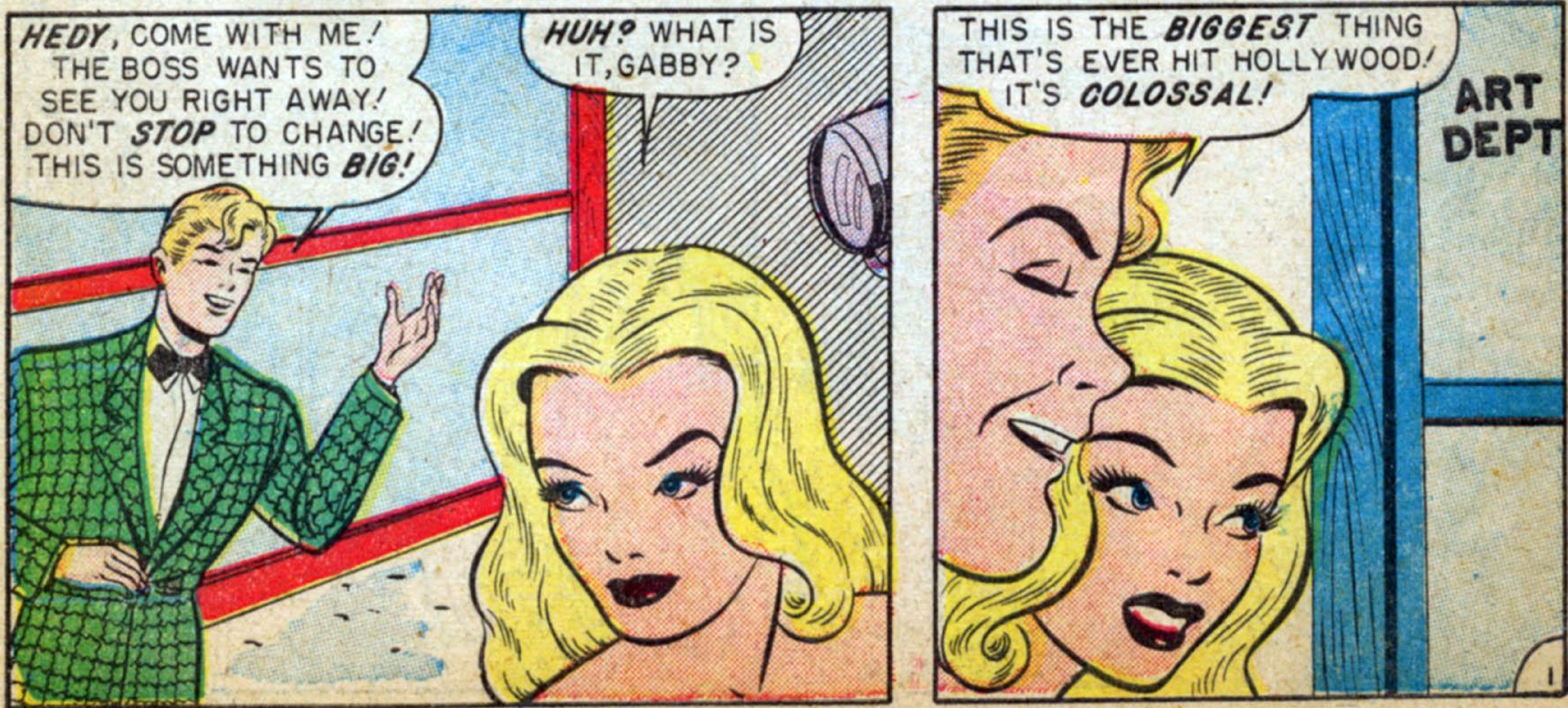
HEDY, COME WITH ME! THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY! DON'T *STOP* TO CHANGE! THIS IS SOMETHING *BIG*!
HUH? WHAT IS IT, GABBY?
THIS IS THE *BIGGEST* THING THAT'S EVER HIT HOLLYWOOD! IT'S *COLOSSAL*!
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HEDY, BY THE TIME WE'RE THROUGH, THERE WON'T BE A PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY WHO HASN'T HEARD ABOUT "*THE ENIGMA*"... NOT EVEN A NEW BORN BABE! WE'RE GONNA *FLOOD* THE COUNTRY!
NOT ONLY EVERYBODY, BUT EVERYBODY AND HIS BROTHER WILL BE WAITING FOR "*THE ENIGMA*"!
IT'S *TERRIFIC!*
IT'S *COLOSSAL!*
THE ENIGMA STARRING HEDY DE VINE
THE ENIGMA
THE ENIGMA
THE ENIGMA ?
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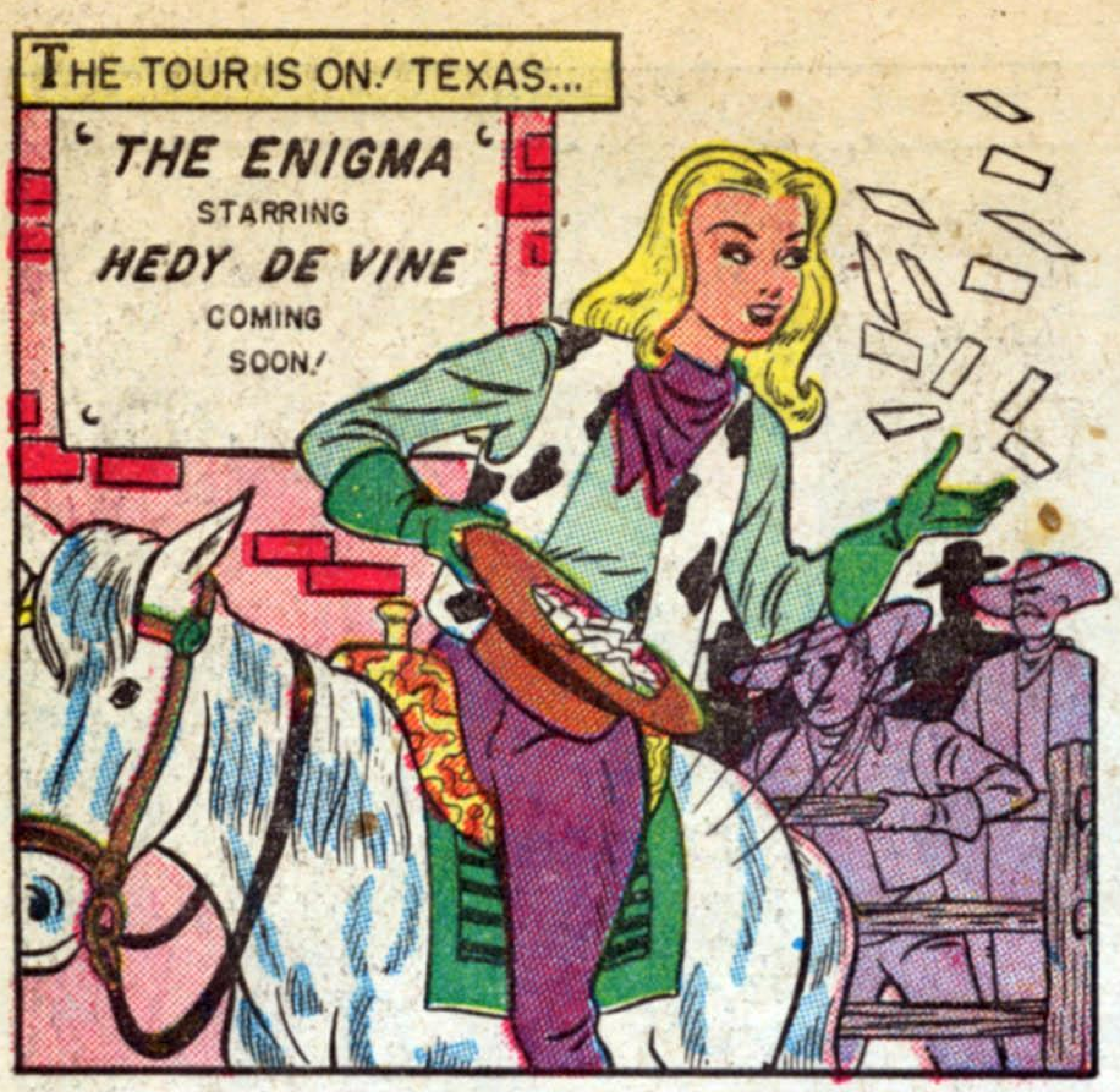
THE ENIGMA ?
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A PICTURE LIKE THE ENIGMA... STARRING VINE
THE MOST UNUSUAL PICTURE EVER MADE THE ENIGMA DY DE VINE
DON'T MISS THE ENIGMA STARRING HEDY DE VINE
THE ENIGM STARRI HEDY DE VIN
WELL, THEY'RE VERY NICE POSTERS, MR. LE GRAND! BUT FRANKLY, ISN'T THAT THE *USUAL* SORT OF THING?
YOU'RE *RIGHT*, HEDY... YOU *HIT IT!* GIVE THE LADY A SHINY, RED STAR! SHE'S *BRIGHT!*
BILLBOARDS ARE ROUTINE STUFF! THEY DON'T MEAN A THING! SO WE GO TO WORK AND DREAM UP SOMETHING *DIFFERENT*... BUT *COLOSSAL!*
BUT *STUPENDOUS!*
GIGANTIC!
SOCKO!
AND HERE IT IS.. RIGHT IN THE *PALM* OF MY *HAND!*
THE ENIGMA 12489 ?
WHAT *IS* IT? WHAT DOES IT *MEAN?*
HA-HA! IT IS THE KEY TO THE BIGGEST BOX OFFICE ANY PICTURE *EVER* HAD! COME! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS!
AFTER A LONG CONFERENCE...
GENTLEMEN, I CONGRATULATE YOU! THIS IS *TREMENDOUS!* WHEN DO WE START?
NEXT TUESDAY, AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL!

THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE BUSY ONES...
THIS LOOKS FINE, I'LL TAKE IT! I'LL TRY THE GREEN ONE NEXT!
I'LL NEED ABOUT EIGHT EVENING GOWNS ALL TOGETHER... PERHAPS A COUPLE OF EXTRAS!
THIS WILL BE JUST RIGHT FOR THE SOUTH, BUT I WANT SOMETHING MORE CONSERVATIVE FOR THE MID-WEST!
HM-M... *CAT!*
I BEG YOUR PARDON!
FORGIVE ME... I MEANT THE *COAT!*
SHOES
SHOES
SHOES
OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO LOOK ELEGANT... BUT THEY MUST BE COMFORTABLE, TOO! I MAY HAVE TO BE ON MY FEET A ***GREAT DEAL!***

TUESDAY NIGHT ARRIVES...
ISN'T IT *THRILLING*, GABBY? BY TOMORROW THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS HERE *TONIGHT!*
THIS'LL BE ONE PICTURE THEY WON'T FORGET! "THE *ENIGMA*" WILL BE THE *UNFORGETTABLE!*
YEAH! HURRAY!
INTRODUCING ... *HEDY DE VINE!*
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I INDEED HAVE *MANY* TO THANK FOR MY FAME AND FORTUNE! THERE ARE MILLIONS OF UNKNOWN PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED IN MAKING ME A SUCCESS! I FEEL I OWE THEM A DEBT! AND SO... I AM GOING TO TRY TO REPAY IT! I WILL MAKE A GIFT OF *$10,000* TO SOME *UNKNOWN* PERSON!
THESE LITTLE *CARDS* WILL BE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE *ENTIRE* COUNTRY! ON ONE OF THEM IS A NUMBER WORTH *$10,000!* ON THE NIGHT OF THE PREMIERE OF MY NEW PICTURE, "THE ENIGMA," WE WILL NAME THE *WINNER!* USHERS, ARE YOU READY?
THE NEXT MORNING...
FINAL EDITION
HOLLYWOOD NEWS
HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA
HEDY DE VINE TO GIVE 10 GRAND TO UNKNOW
IN GRATITUDE TO UNKNOWN WHICH MADE HER FAMOU HEDY DE VINE WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY, SCATTERING NUMBER CARDS WHEREVER SHE GOES! THE LUCKY WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN ON THE
HEDY DE VINE
... AND AT THE AIRPORT...
THE ENIGMA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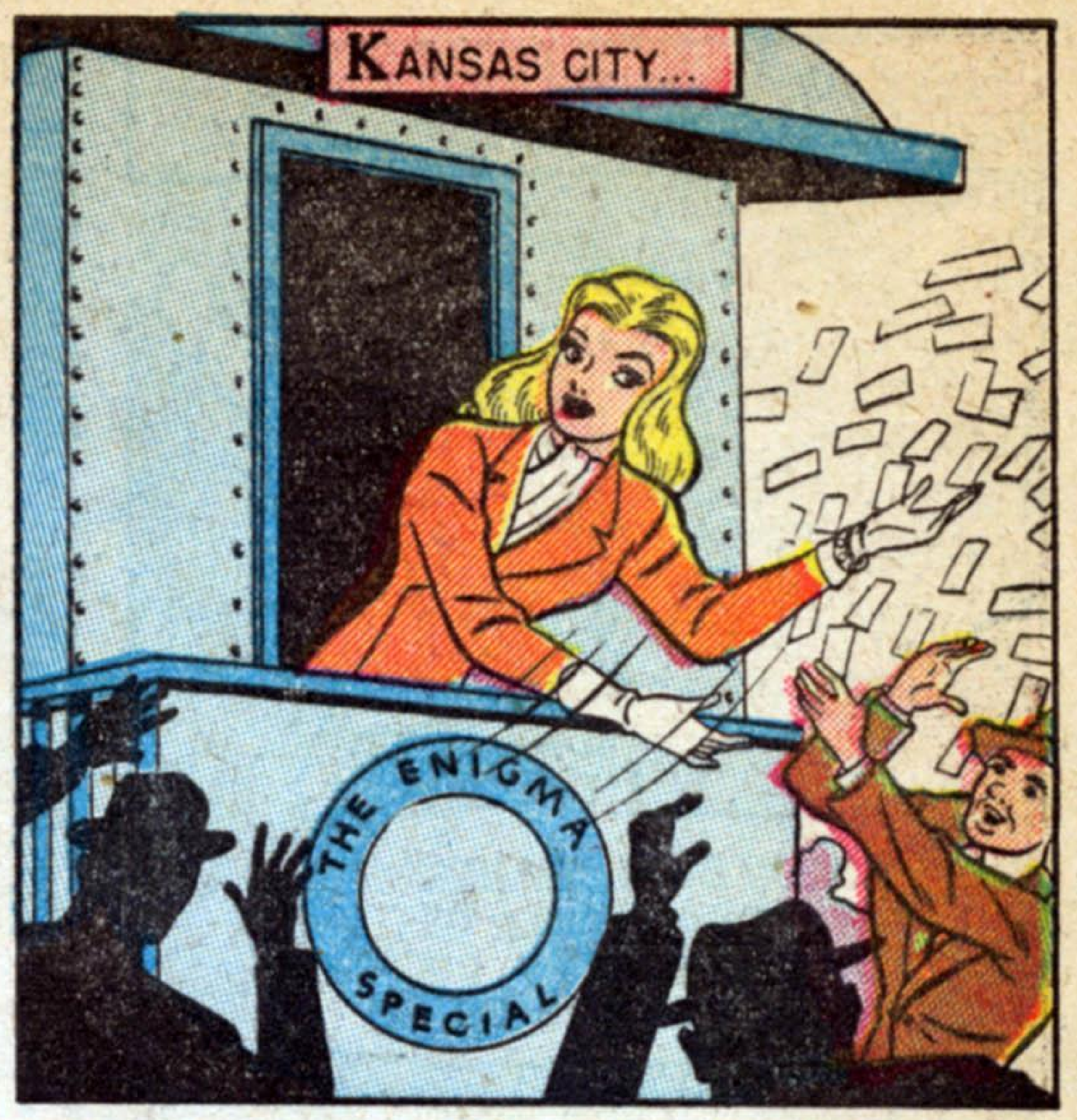
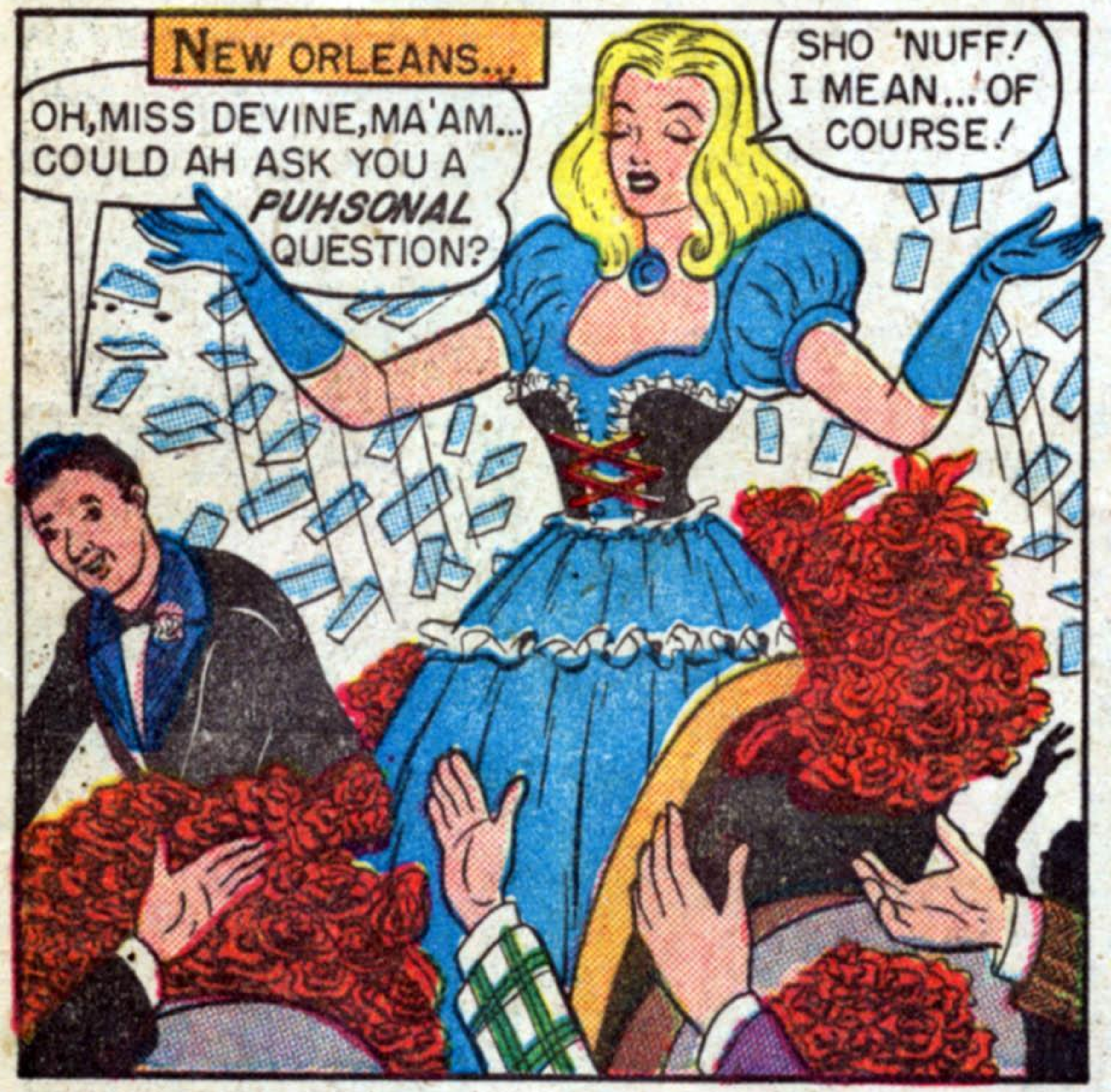
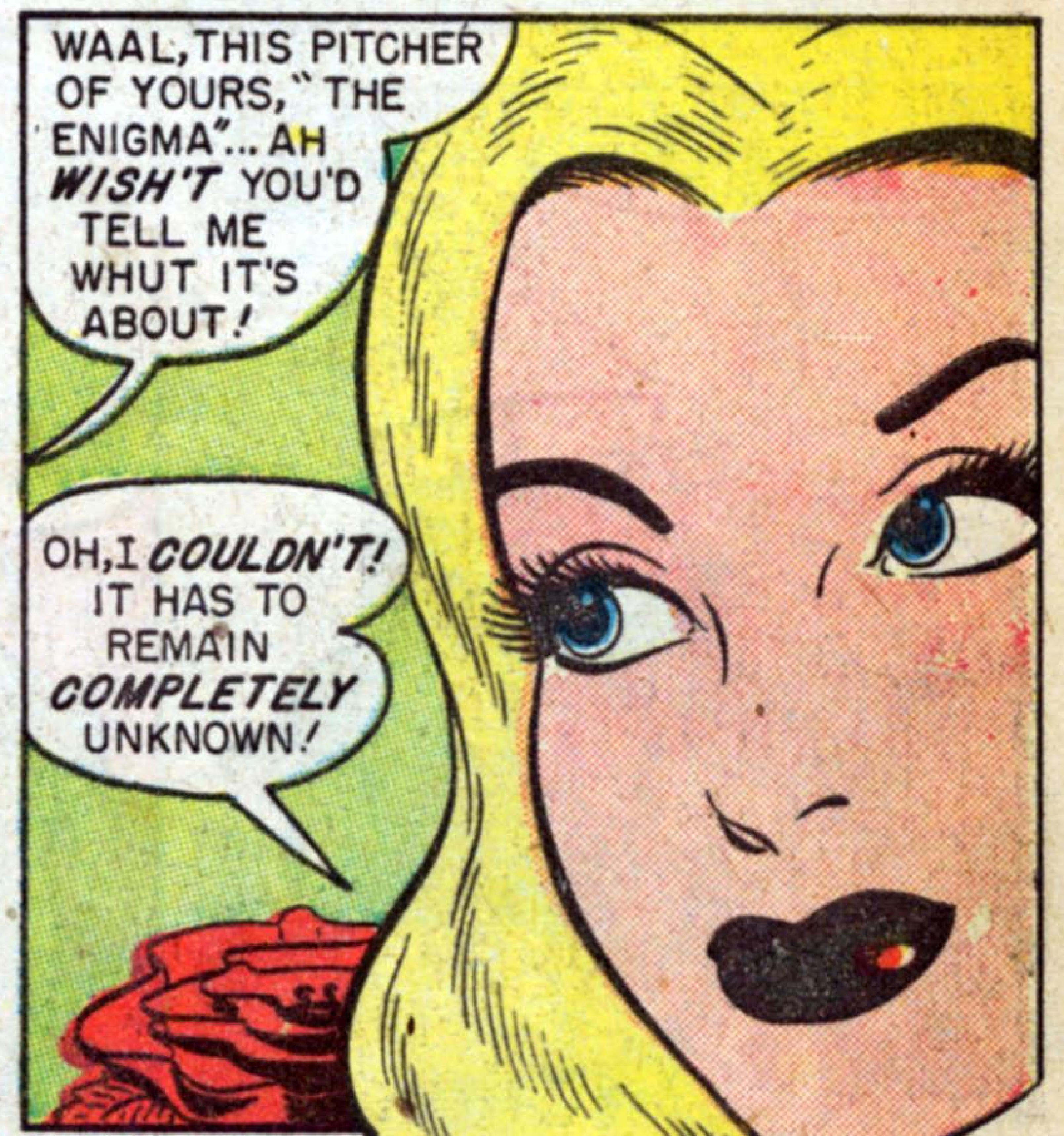
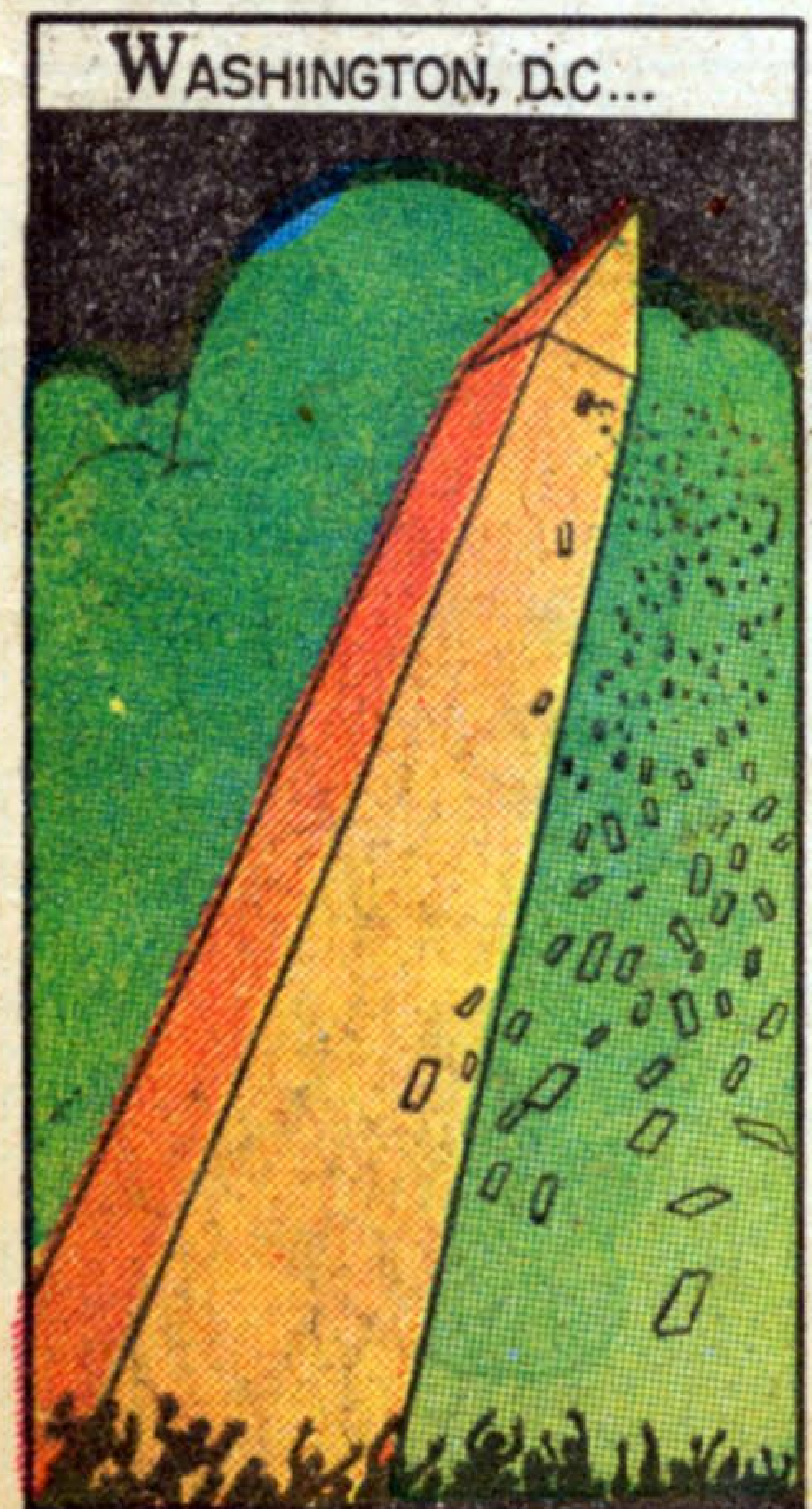
"THE ENIGMA" STARRING HEDY DE VINE COMING SOON!


KANSAS CITY...
THE ENIGMA SPECIAL


NEW ORLEANS...
OH, MISS DEVINE, MA'AM... COULD AH ASK YOU A *PUHSONAL* QUESTION?
SHO 'NUFF! I MEAN... OF COURSE!


WAAL, THIS PITCHER OF YOURS, "THE ENIGMA"... AH *WISH'T* YOU'D TELL ME WHUT IT'S ABOUT!
OH, I *COULDN'T!* IT HAS TO REMAIN *COMPLETELY* UNKNOWN!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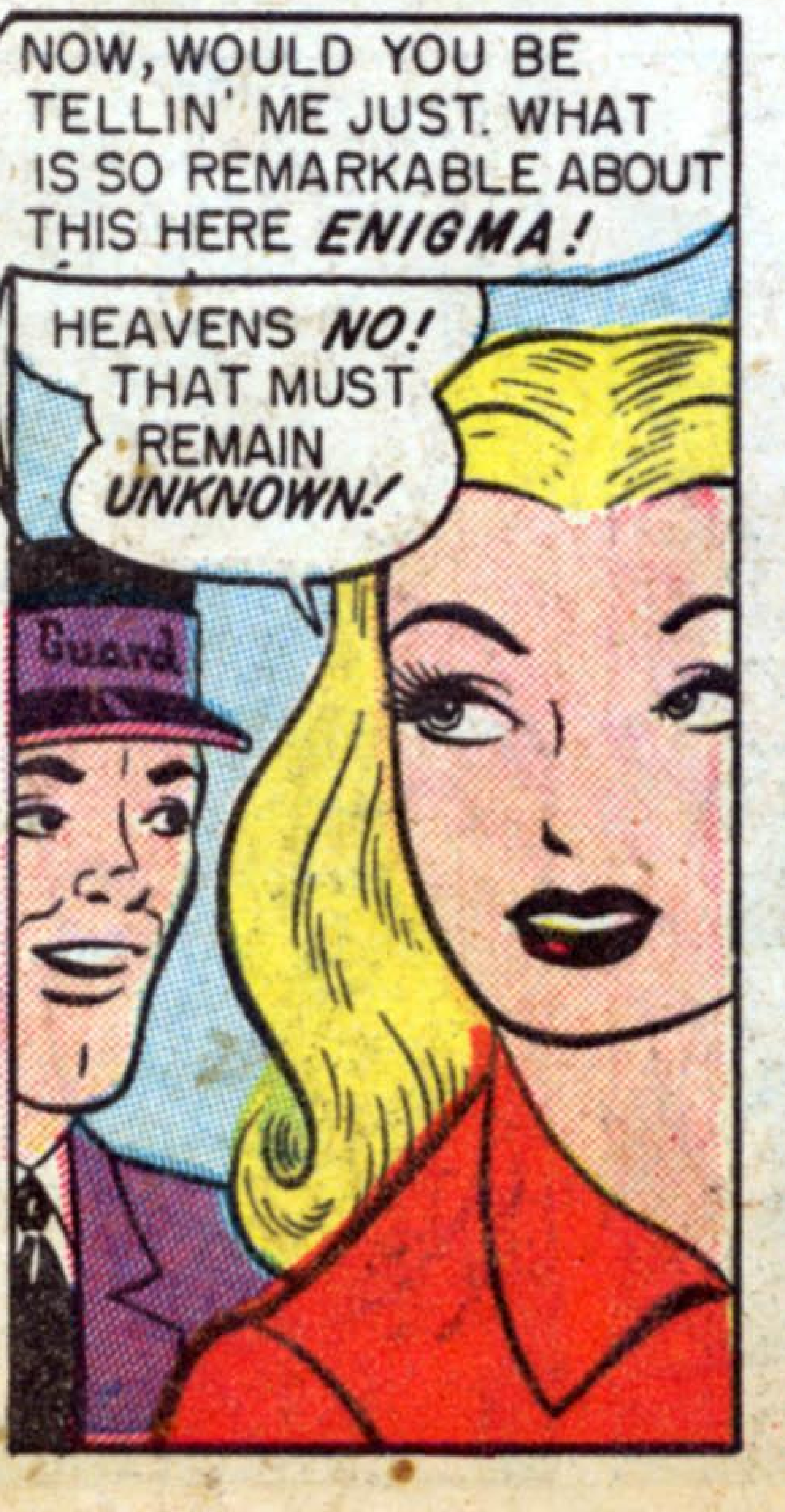
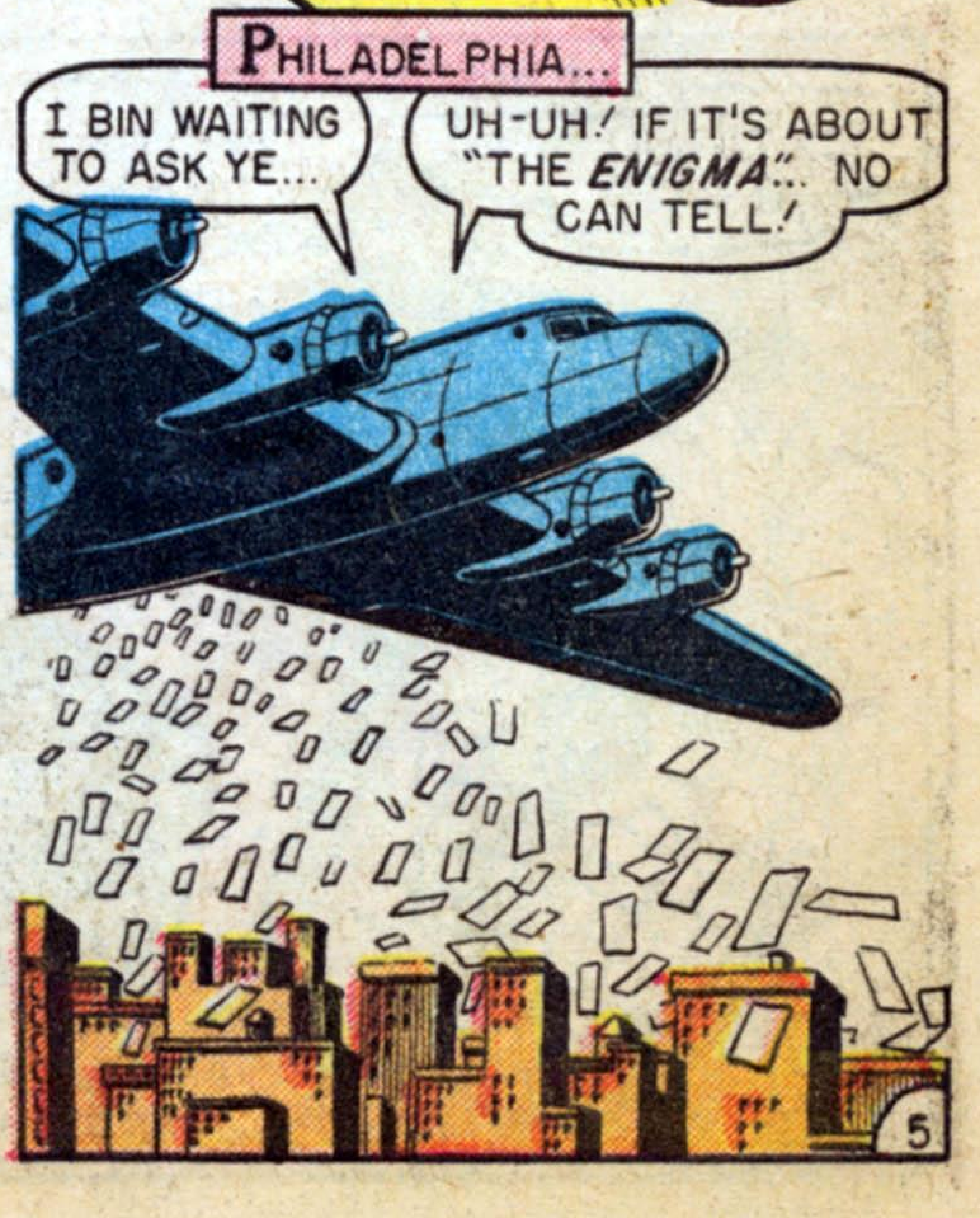
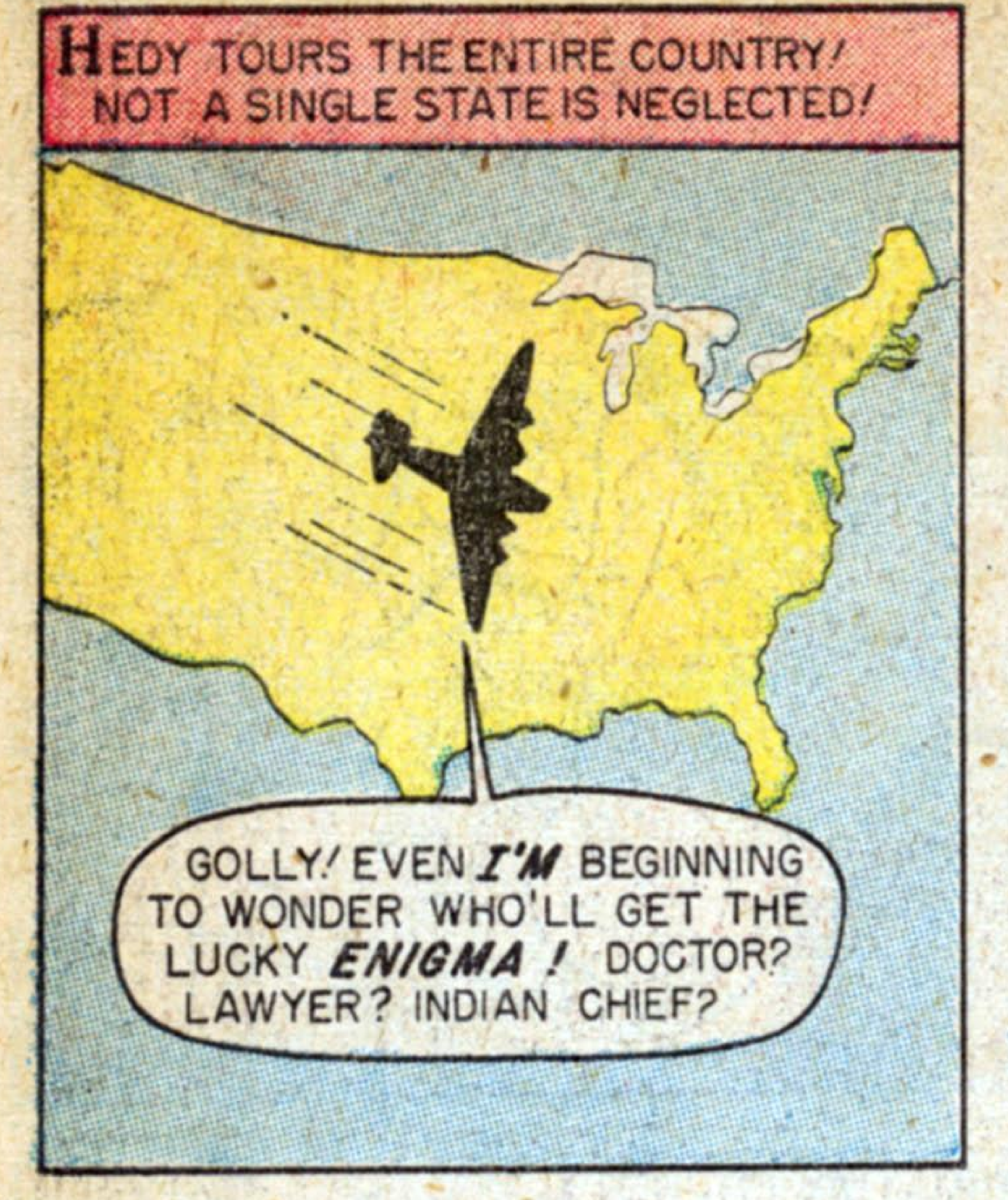
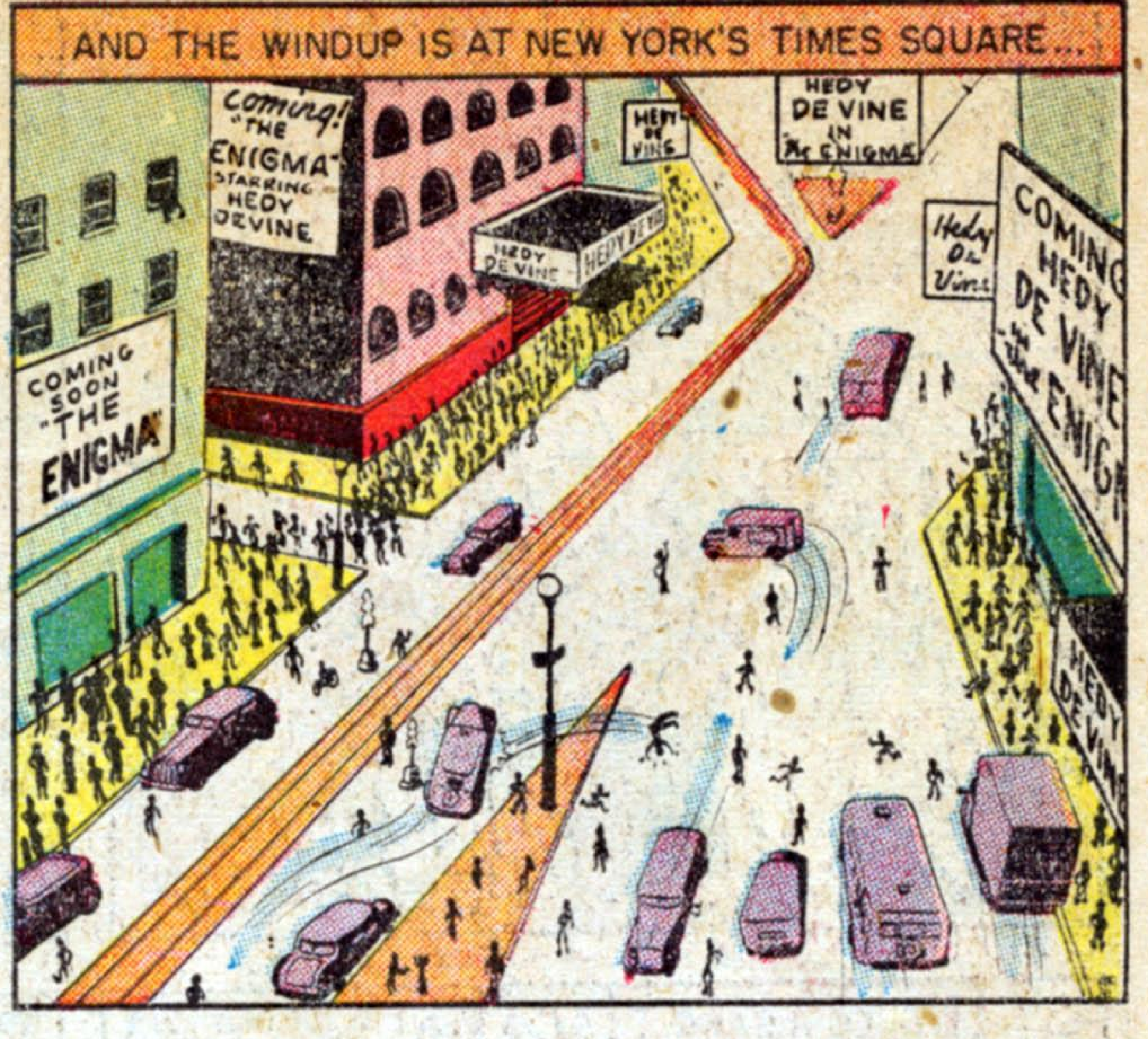

NOW, WOULD YOU BE TELLIN' ME JUST WHAT IS SO REMARKABLE ABOUT THIS HERE *ENIGMA!*
HEAVENS *NO!* THAT MUST REMAIN *UNKNOWN!*
Guard


PHILADELPHIA...
I BIN WAITING TO ASK YE...
UH-UH! IF IT'S ABOUT "THE *ENIGMA*"... NO CAN TELL!


HEDY TOURS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY! NOT A SINGLE STATE IS NEGLECTED!
GOLLY! EVEN *I'M* BEGINNING TO WONDER WHO'LL GET THE LUCKY *ENIGMA!* DOCTOR? LAWYER? INDIAN CHIEF?


...AND THE WINDUP IS AT NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE...
COMING! "THE ENIGMA" STARRING HEDY DEVINE
HEDY DE VINE
HEDY DE VINE
HEDY DE VINE IN "THE ENIGMA"
COMING SOON "THE ENIGMA"
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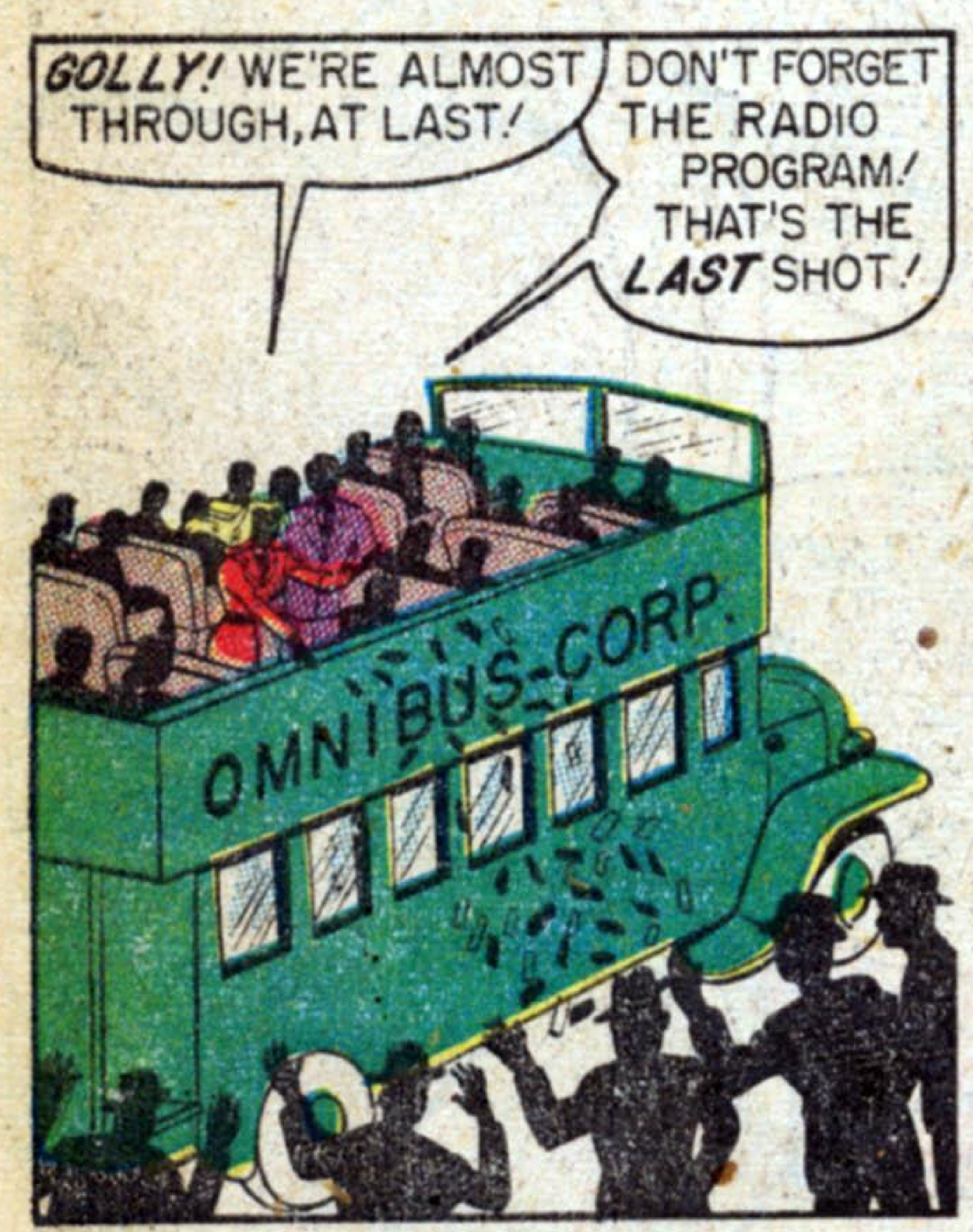
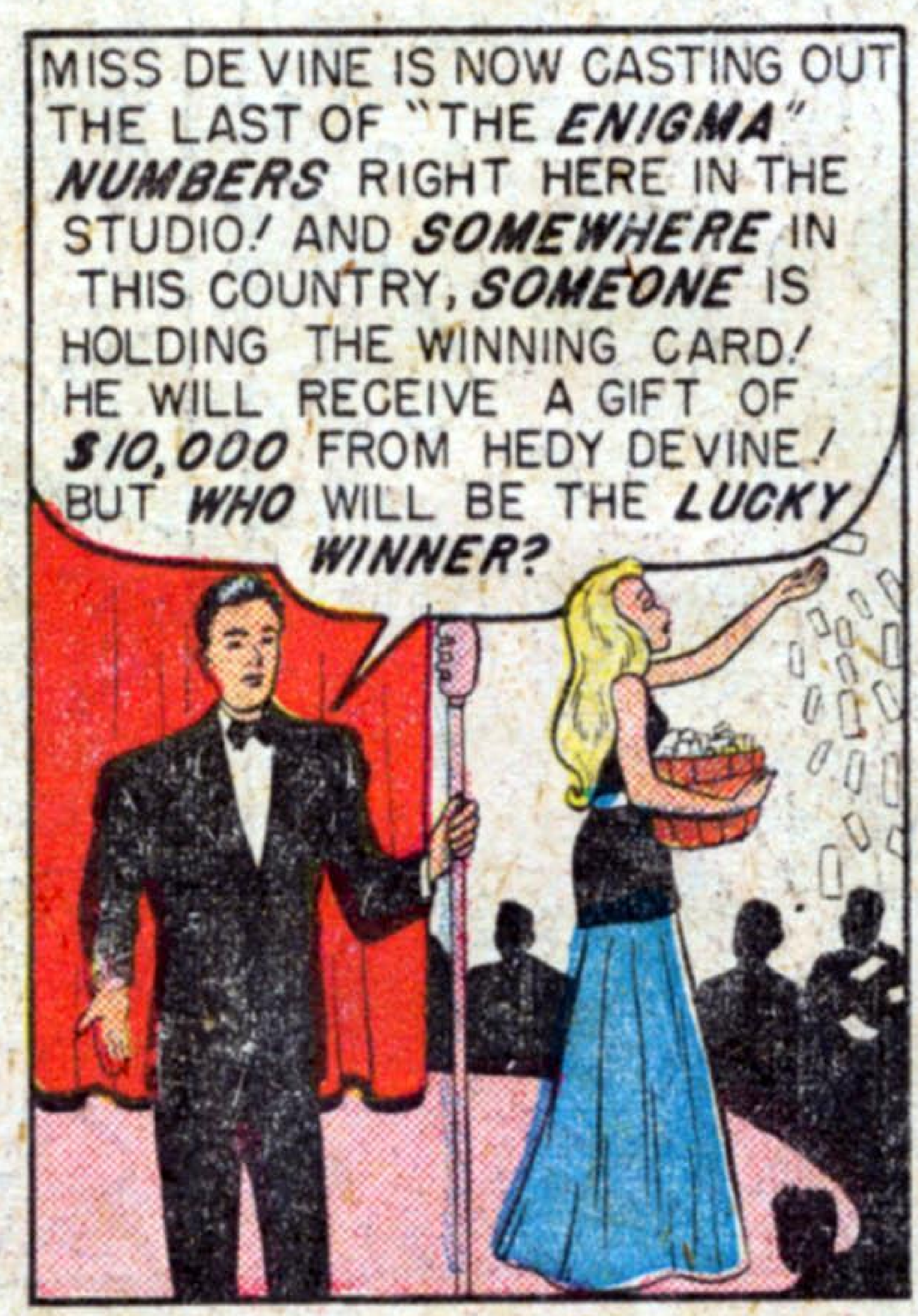
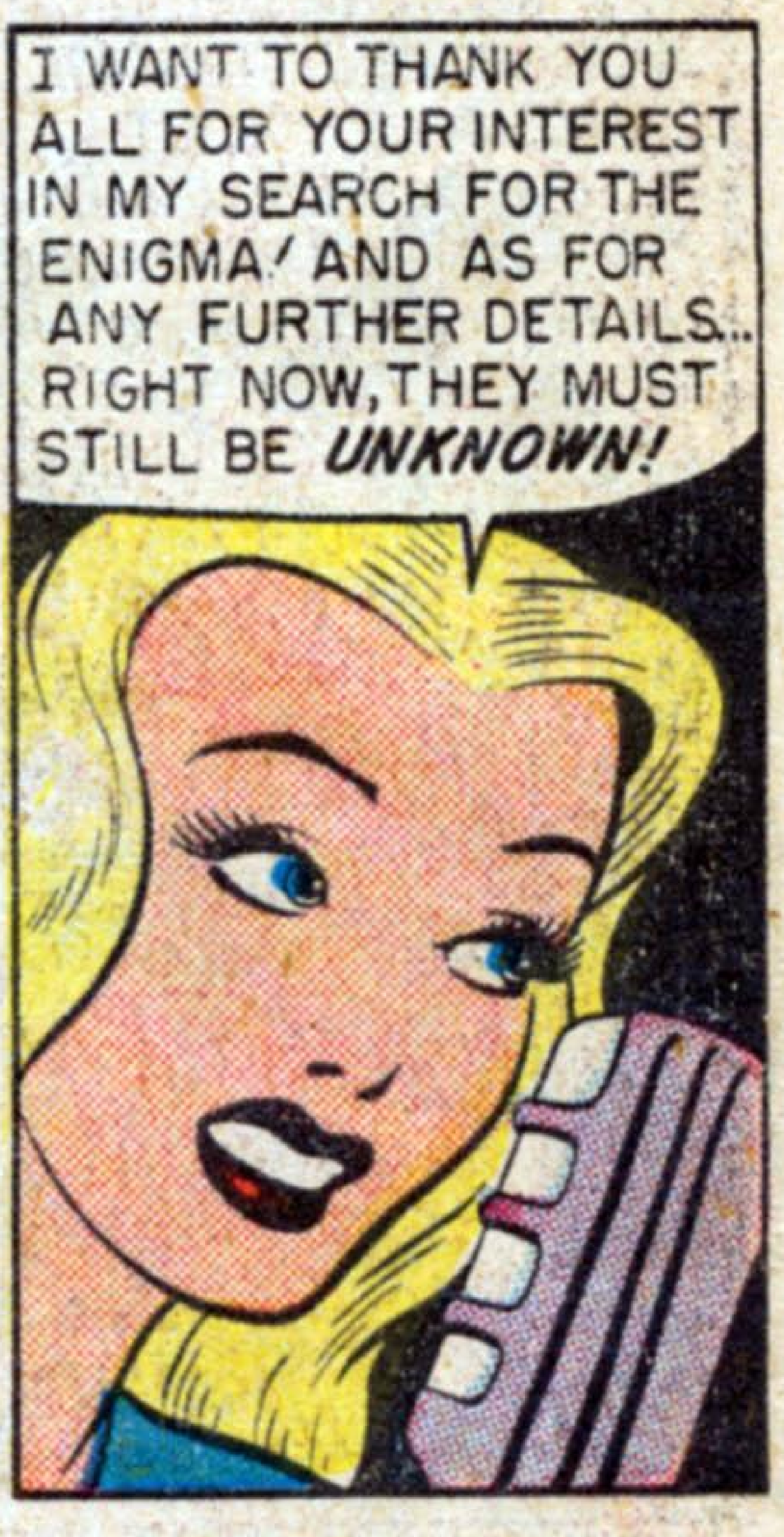
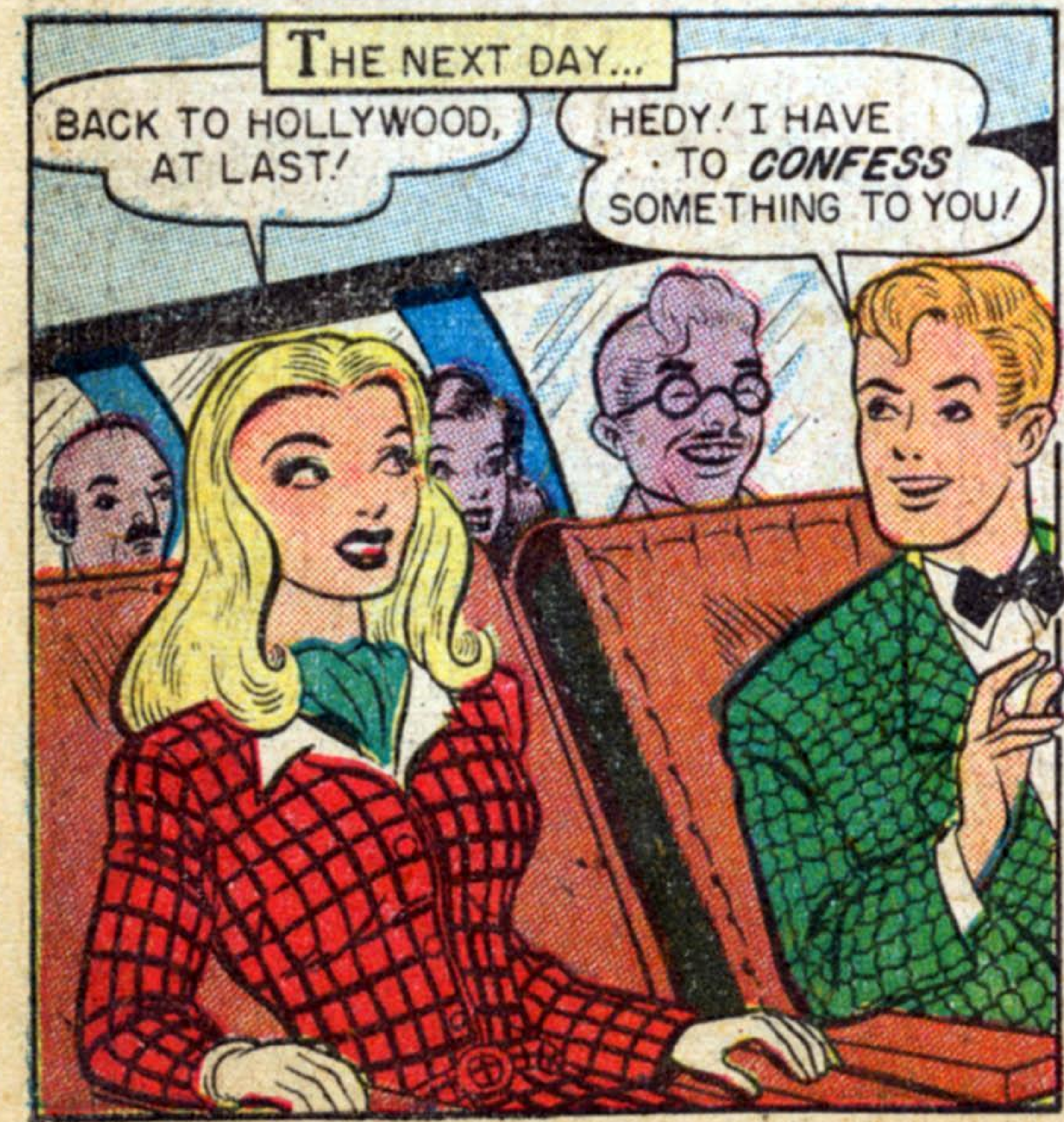
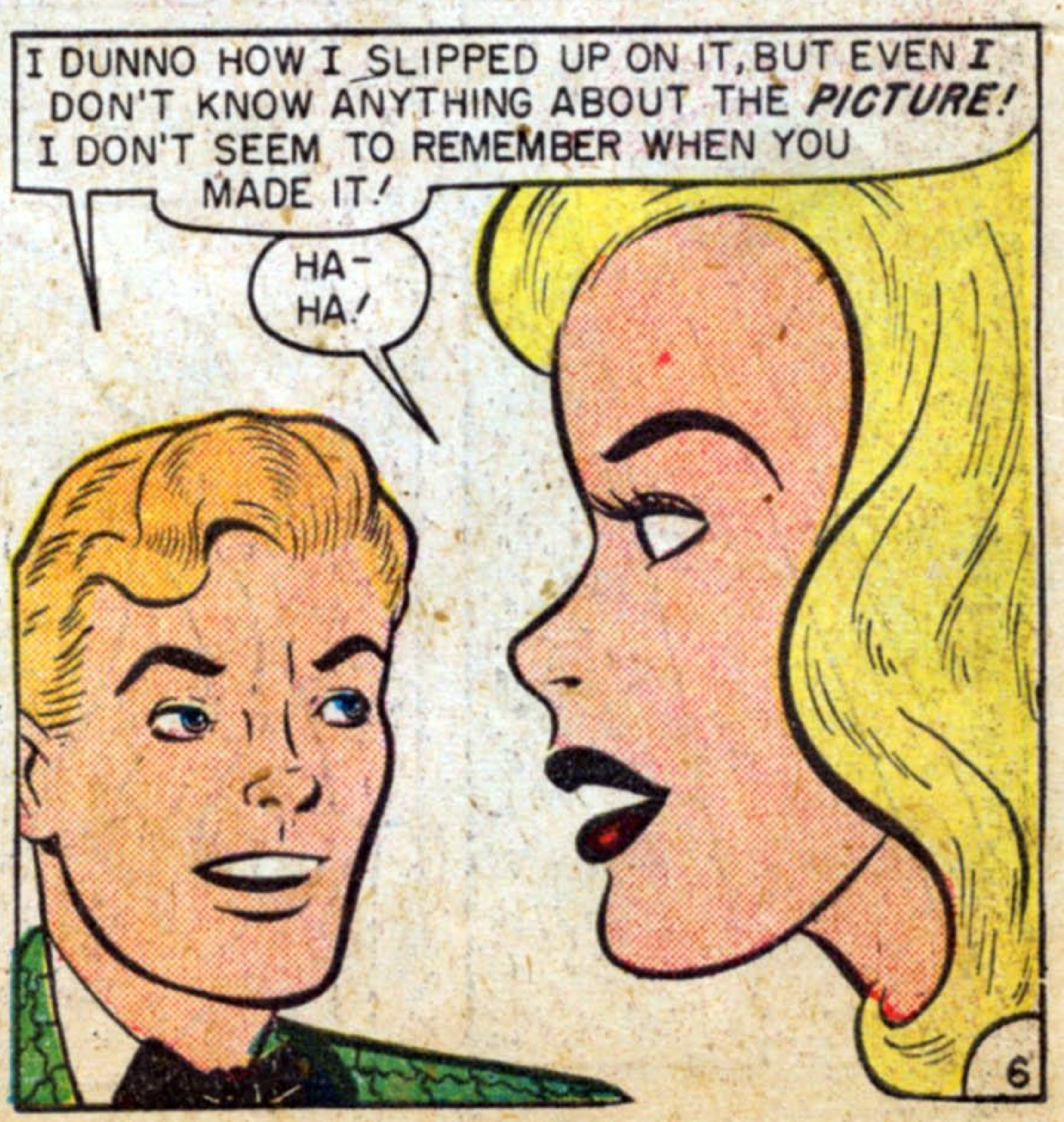
COMING HEDY DE VINE in "the ENIGMA"
HEDY DE VINE


GOLLY! WE'RE ALMOST THROUGH, AT LAST!
DON'T FORGET THE RADIO PROGRAM! THAT'S THE *LAST* SHOT!
OMNIBUS-CORP.


MISS DE VINE IS NOW CASTING OUT THE LAST OF "THE *ENIGMA*" *NUMBERS* RIGHT HERE IN THE STUDIO! AND *SOMEWHERE* IN THIS COUNTRY, *SOMEONE* IS HOLDING THE WINNING CARD! HE WILL RECEIVE A GIFT OF *$10,000* FROM HEDY DEVINE! BUT *WHO* WILL BE THE *LUCKY WINNER?*


I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MY SEARCH FOR THE ENIGMA! AND AS FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS... RIGHT NOW, THEY MUST STILL BE *UNKNOWN!*


THE NEXT DAY...
BACK TO HOLLYWOOD, AT LAST!
HEDY! I HAVE TO *CONFESS* SOMETHING TO YOU!


I DUNNO HOW I SLIPPED UP ON IT, BUT EVEN *I* DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE *PICTURE!* I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU MADE IT!
HA-HA!

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, HEDY?
HA-HA-HA! IT'S REALLY FUNNY THAT YOU DON'T RECALL 'CAUSE...
...NEITHER DO I!
WHAT?
WE HAVEN'T STARTED ON IT YET! WE BEGIN TO MAKE THE PICTURE AS SOON AS WE GET BACK FROM THE TOUR! THE ONLY THING UNKNOWN IS THE WHOLE THING!
OH! NOOOO! ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN HOLLYWOOD... BUT NOT THIS!
TWO HOURS LATER...
LET ME EXPLAIN IT AGAIN... THE STUDIO BOUGHT A PLAY CALLED "THE ENIGMA"! BUT THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN THEY READ IT! AND...
THEY READ IT AFTER THEY BOUGHT IT, THEN...
...WELL, THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT SO THEY THREW IT OUT... EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE TITLE, WHICH IS THE ONLY THING THEY BOUGHT IT FOR... REALLY! BUT IT GOT ON THE SCHEDULE, AND PUBLICITY WENT AHEAD! THEY'RE WRITING A SCRIPT FOR IT NOW...SEE?
VERY CLEAR!
OH WELL, WHAT'S THE DIFF? WHATEVER IT TURNS OUT TO BE, IT'S SURE TO BE A HIT NOW!
THE BEST MYSTERY HOLLYWOOD EVER MADE WAS HOLLYWOOD ITSELF! NOBODY CAN SOLVE IT!
TO ME, HOLLYWOOD WILL ALWAYS BE "THE ENIGMA"!
THE END

HEY K
I LIKE TO EAT MY GRAPEFRUIT THE OLD FASHIONED WAY!
SQUT SQUT
YOU KNOW HOW -- WITHOUT CUTTING THE SECTIONS APART, BUT JUST DIGGING THEM OUT WITH A SPOON!
SQUT SQUT
LA LEE LOO
SQUT SQUT
I WON'T ARGUE WITH THE DOPE! I'LL JUST MOVE MY CHAIR TO THE OTHER END OF THE ROOM!
LA LOO LA LOO
SQUT SQUT
H. Kurtz
I MUST BE CALM AND RATIONAL! I'LL MOVE INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND SHUT THE DOOR!
SQUT SQUT
LA LOO LEE
SQUT SQUT
TEMPER...! I MUST EAT AND GET NOURISHMENT! I'LL GO OUTSIDE AND TAKE A WALK AROUND THE BLOCK!
LA
SQUT SQUT
LA DOO DEE
SQUT
GOTTA EAT IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY! I'LL GIVE YOU AN OLD FASHIONED WAY!!
OW! MY EYES! TURN OFF THE JUICE.. YOU'RE WASTING ELECTRICITY!
SQUT SQUT
GRAPE-FRUIT JUICE
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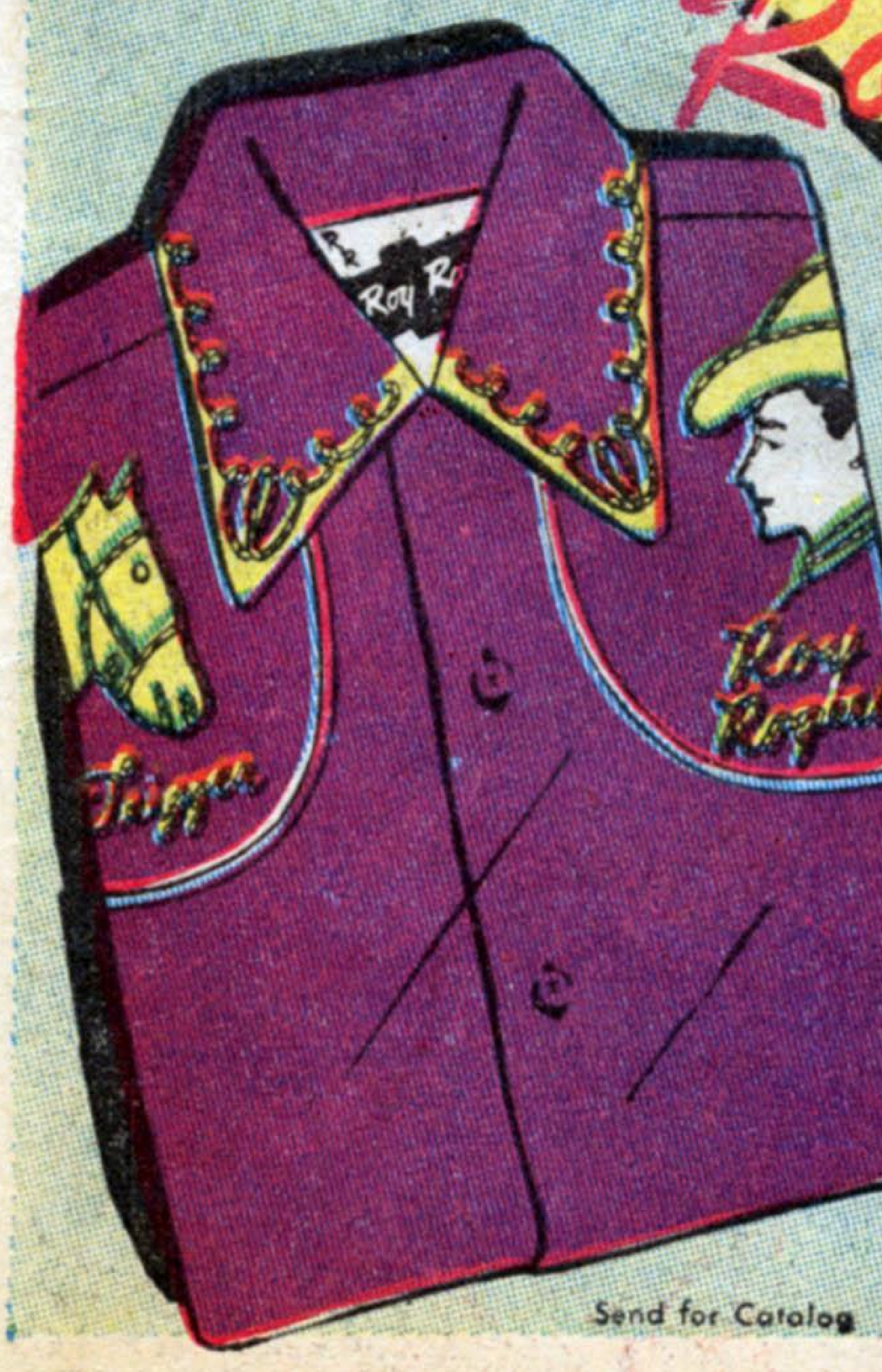
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HEDY DE VINE
SNAP!
SNAP!
AT LAST WE'RE ALONE, GABBY! AWAY FROM THE PROBING, STARING LENSES OF COUNTLESS CAMERAS!
SNAP!
SNAP!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, HONEY!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!
"TURNABOUT'S FAIR PLAY!"
3741
Y-YOU SAY MY HUSBAND IS GONE? OHHHHH...
CUT! CUT!
AWFUL! TERRIBLE! HEDY DARLING! YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND JUST DIED! YOU ARE SHOCKED! YOU ARE HORRIFIED! YOUR POOR LITTLE HEART IS BROKEN! YOU MUST FAINT AND FALL HEAVILY!
BUT I'M BRUISED ALREADY! CAN'T WE QUIT FOR TODAY?
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NO! I WANT ANOTHER TAKE! WE'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE!
YOU SLAVE DRIVER! OH, MR. LE GRAND! I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE EARLY MORNING! PLEASE... MAY I GO HOME NOW? *PRETTY* PLEASE?
SORRY, HEDY! THIS SCENE IS IMPORTANT! IT HAS TO BE DONE NOW! YOU JUST KEEP MAKING TAKES TILL YOU DO IT RIGHT... THAT'S ALL! I'M A PRODUCER! I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE SOFT-HEARTED!
YOU MEAN YOU'VE GOT A HEART?
GABBY, MY SWEET... YOU'LL STICK UP FOR ME! TELL THOSE TWO NASTY OLD SWEAT-SHOP OPERATORS TO LET ME GO! HAVE PITY! I'M *TIRED!*
TUT! TUT! AN ACTRESS NEVER GIVES UP! GO BACK IN THERE AND FIGHT! BE A MAN! ER, I MEAN... BE... *BRAVE!*
YOU'RE MONSTERS, NOT MEN! YOU'D BREAK AND CRUSH A FRAIL LITTLE GIRL LIKE ME, JUST FOR YOUR STUPID PICTURE! OH, ALL RIGHT... YOU WIN! I'LL DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN!
CRASH!
AND SO, FOURTEEN TAKES LATER...
(SOB!) YOU SAY... (SOB!) MY HUSBAND... MY... DARLING... IS *GONE*? EEEEAH!
THAT'S IT, HEDY! THAT'S WHAT I WANTED ALL THE TIME!
GOOD WORK!
ATTA GIRL!
NOW YOU HAVE A WHOLE *WEEK END* FREE FOR YOURSELF, HEDY!
HMMM?
JUST TO SHOW YOU I HAVE NO HARD FEELINGS, HOW ABOUT *YOU* THREE SPENDING THE WEEK END AT MY HOME? HOW ABOUT IT?
WHY NOT?
WE'LL BE THERE, HEDY!

THE NEXT DAY...
DID YOU KNOW MY HOBBY IS HOME MOVIES? AND JUST FOR FUN, I'VE WRITTEN OUT A LITTLE PLAY FOR YOU MEN! WILL YOU DO IT FOR ME?
SAY, THAT'S A *SWELL* IDEA!
I EVEN HAVE MY OWN LITTLE STUDIO! ISN'T IT *DARLING?*
YOU HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR, HEDY! HA-HA-HA!
HEDY HOME MOVIE
IT'S CUTE! HA-HA-HA!
OH, BEFORE WE START, ONE LITTLE DETAIL! JUST FOR FUN, YOU MEN SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THE "HEDY HOME MOVIE CORPS"! WE'LL PRETEND THIS IS ALL LIKE A *BIG* MOVIE, EH? HA-HA-HA!
SURE! WE'LL SIGN!
CONTRACTS
NOW DON'T FORGET... I'M THE PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF THIS SKIT! YOU MEN ARE MY HIRED ACTORS! WHAT *I* SAY *GOES! READY?*
NOW, TRUMPETSKI, YOU'RE A HAPPY MAN RETURNING HOME, SINGING AT THE TOP OF YOUR VOICE! PUT *FEELING* INTO IT! LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!
OHH! SWEET ADO-LINE-- ♫ ♪
THAT'S IT, TRUMPETSKI! THIS IS ALL PANTOMINE OF COURSE! KEEP UP THE SINGING, *LOUD!*
BUT OF COURSE, YOUR SINGING IS ANNOYING ALL THE SLEEPING PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO MY SCRIPT, SO...

... SOMEBODY DUMPS *WATER* ON YOU!
HALP! MURDER!
THIS I DIDN'T EXPECT, HEDY! (BLUB! BLUB!)
BUT IT WAS A *TERRIBLE* TAKE, TRUMPETSKI! I DIDN'T LIKE IT! GO AND DO IT ALL *OVER!*
WHAT? NO, NO! I'LL GET CHILLED TO THE BONE! PLEASE, HEDY, MY DOVE, HAVE *PITY!*
PITY? LIKE YOU PITIED ME YESTERDAY AT THE STUDIO? ANOTHER TAKE, I SAY! *MARCH!*
HEDY! THAT'S THE EIGHTH TIME NOW! AREN'T YOU SATISFIED YET?
OKAY... CUT!
HA-HA-HO-HO! FUNNIEST THING I EVER SAW, TRUMPETSKI! HEDY SURE TURNED THE TABLES ON *YOU!*
HO-HO-HO! *GREAT STUFF!*
BAH!
HAW! HAW! (ULP!)
NOW IT'S *YOUR* TURN, MY DEAR MR. LE GRAND! THIS WAY, PLEASE!
IN MY SCRIPT YOU ARE A NASTY VILLAIN AND GET A *PIE* IN YOUR FACE!
MURDER!
CLICK! CLICK!
PLOP!

NOW REALLY, HEDY... ISN'T THIS GOING TOO FAR?
YES, MR. LE GRAND! I WON'T THROW A *PIE* AT YOU AGAIN!
THIS TIME, IT'S A *CAKE!*
GET MY LAWYER! THE GIRL'S MAD!
LAWYER? BUT, MY DEAR SIR, YOU SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH ME, REMEMBER? IT STATES YOU MUST SUBMIT TO ANY ROLE I GIVE YOU IN MY HOME MOVIE! YOU *CAN'T* WALK OUT ON ME!
(GROAN!) I'M *TRAPPED!*
AS FOR YOU, MR. DUNN... WERE YOU TRYING TO SNEAK OUT? IT'S *YOUR* TURN TO PERFORM BEFORE THE CAMERA!
(GULP!)
HEDY! WHAT *IS* THIS?
THAT'S ROCKY CRUSHER, BOXING CHAMP! I HIRED HIM TO HELP OUT! MY SCRIPT CALLS FOR A TERRIFIC HE-MAN FIGHT!
POW!
NO, GABBY! STAND UP AND TAKE IT! *AGAIN!*
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! YOU'RE BEING BEATEN TO A *PULP*, GABBY! THAT'S GREAT ACTING!
ACTING, SHE CALLS IT! (GROAN!)
SMASH!

THE KNOCKOUT PUNCH! PRETEND YOU'RE OUT FOR THE COUNT NOW, GABBY!
CRACK!
HE'S NOT PRETENDING, HEDY! HE'S *REALLY* OUT COLD!
ALL THE BETTER! THAT ADDS *TRUE REALISM* TO MY MOVIE! BRING HIM TO, AND WE'LL CONTINUE!
CLICK! CLICK!
LATER...
LET'S SEE...OH, YES! NOW, YOU THREE MEN ALL DO AN ACROBATIC ACT ON A HIGH LADDER, BUT THE LADDER FALLS AND YOU ALL COME TUMBLING DOWN! THAT'LL BE A SMASH SCENE!
IT'LL SMASH *US!* CAN'T WE *QUIT?*
COME, COME! WHERE'S YOUR *TROUPER* SPIRIT? THE SHOW MUST GO *ON!* THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS TOLD *ME!* NOW GET UP THAT LADDER!
I HOPE MY INSURANCE IS ALL PAID UP!
GOOD! HOLD IT! NOW THE LADDER SWAYS AND *DOWN* YOU COME!
WAIT...YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSE TO FALL TOWARD *ME!*

CRASH!
WH-WHERE AM I? GABBY, DON'T YOU *DARE!*
WHY NOT, MY PRETTY LITTLE FIEND? WHY SHOULDN'T *YOU* BE IN THE ACT?
NOW 'FESS UP! HEDY, YOU PULLED THIS HOME MOVIE STUNT JUST TO GET *REVENGE* AGAINST US FOR THE HARD WORK YOU DO AT THE STUDIO!
ALL RIGHT, I CONFESS! NO HARD FEELINGS?
NO HARD FEELINGS? ME, I'LL BE A CRIPPLE FOR A WEEK! JUST WAIT TILL I GET YOU AT THE STUDIO AGAIN, YOUNG LADY, I'LL...
YOU'LL *WHAT?*
DON'T FORGET! I'VE GOT THAT *FILM!* IF I'M NOT TREATED RIGHT AT THE STUDIO AFTER THIS, I'LL SHOW IT AROUND TOWN AND MAKE YOU A *LAUGHING STOCK!*
OH, MY ACHING BACK! SHE'S GOT US DEAD TO RIGHTS!
DON'T SHOW THAT FILM! I WILL TREAT YOU LIKE A *DELICATE FLOWER!*
I'LL PUT YOU ON A FOUR HOUR DAY WITH TWO HOURS FOR LUNCH!
HEDY, YOU COULD. *RUIN* US!
STOP WHINING! AS LONG AS...
...YOU TREAT ME NICELY AT THE STUDIO, THIS FILM WILL REMAIN LOCKED UP! BUT ONE FALSE MOVE AND I'LL *SHOW* IT!
OMIGOSH! *EMPTY!* I FORGOT TO PUT *FILM* IN THE *CAMERA!*
HA! HO! HO! HO! HA! HA!
THE END

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BLOOD THAT STAINED
THE CROSS FOR
ME

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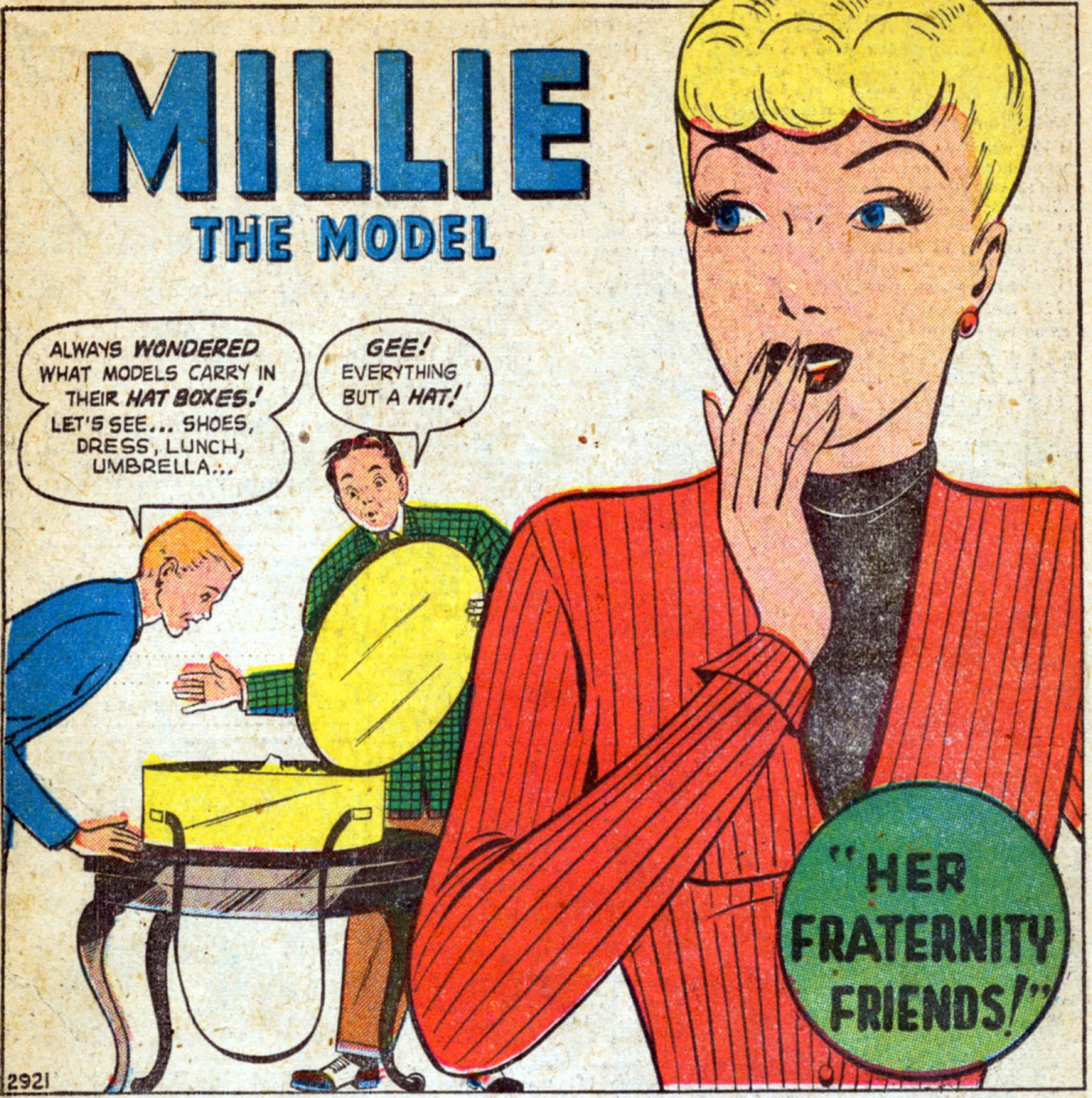
ALWAYS *WONDERED* WHAT MODELS CARRY IN THEIR *HAT BOXES!* LET'S SEE... SHOES, DRESS, LUNCH, UMBRELLA...
GEE! EVERYTHING BUT A *HAT!*
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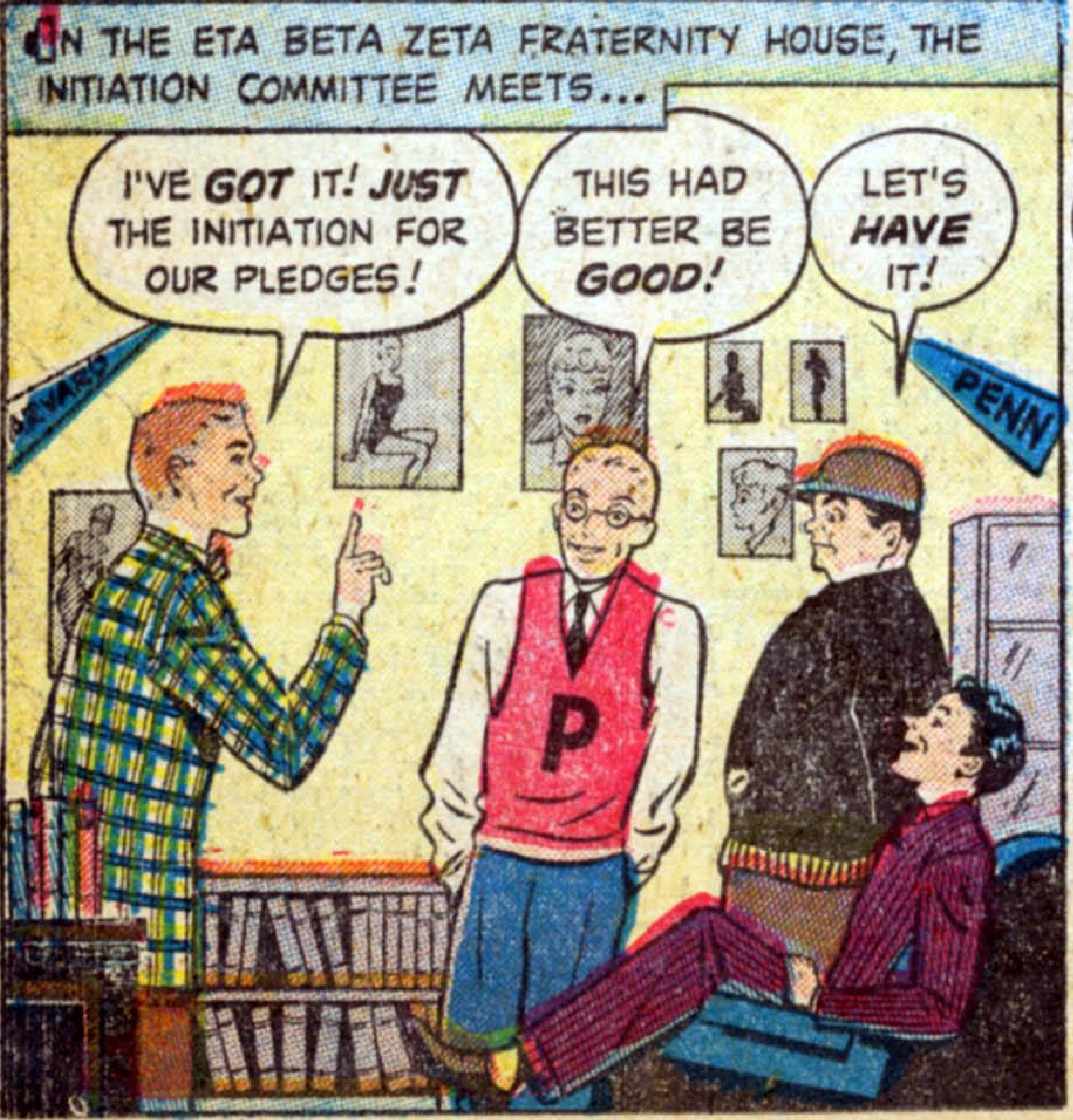
IN THE ETA BETA ZETA FRATERNITY HOUSE, THE INITIATION COMMITTEE MEETS...
I'VE *GOT* IT! *JUST* THE INITIATION FOR OUR PLEDGES!
THIS HAD BETTER BE *GOOD!*
LET'S *HAVE* IT!
PENN
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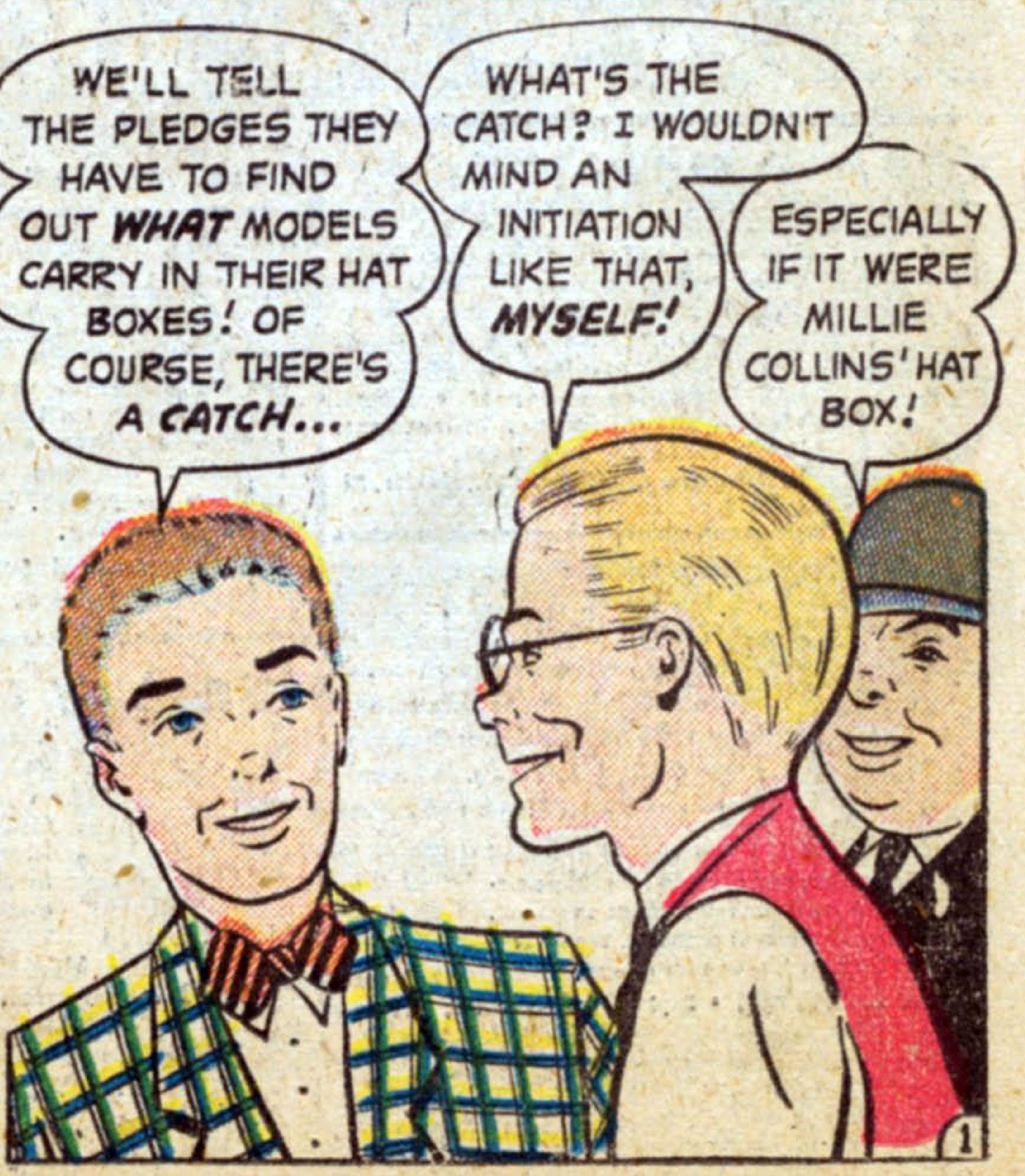
WE'LL TELL THE PLEDGES THEY HAVE TO FIND OUT *WHAT* MODELS CARRY IN THEIR HAT BOXES! OF COURSE, THERE'S A *CATCH*...
WHAT'S THE CATCH? I WOULDN'T MIND AN INITIATION LIKE THAT, *MYSELF!*
ESPECIALLY IF IT WERE MILLIE COLLINS' HAT BOX!

THE CATCH IS...THEY CAN'T LET THE MODEL KNOW WHAT THEY'RE AFTER! SHE'LL PROBABLY DO EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO KEEP THEM FROM SNOOPING...
THAT SHOULD BE A RIOT!
...AND WE'LL FOLLOW, TOO! IF THEY DO GET TO HER HAT BOX, WE'LL SWITCH IT FOR ONE WE'LL HAVE PREPARED ESPECIALLY!
OH, I GET IT!
LET'S TELL THEM WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO! ENTER, PLEDGES!
YES, TELL US THE WORST!
WE'RE NOT AS HEARTLESS AS WE LOOK!
WE'RE PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING FOR DEAR OLD ETA BETA ZETA!
SEE THAT PICTURE OF MILLIE, OUR FAVORITE PIN-UP GAL? THE INITIATION CONSISTS OF FINDING OUT WHAT SHE CARRIES IN THAT HAT BOX!
OOOH!
THAT WILL BE A PLEASURE!
GET READY FOR YOUR MISSION! THERE'S JUST A LITTLE DISGUISE WE WANT YOU TO WEAR!
I'D DO ANYTHING TO MEET MILLIE COLLINS!
AND JUST ONE LITTLE RULE... YOU CAN'T ASK WHAT'S IN THE HAT BOX! YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS! WE'LL BE FOLLOWING YOU TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SLIP-UPS!
PENN
OHIO
MEANWHILE, AT THE HANOVER AGENCY...
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FASHION SHOW AT MRS. VAN RIVERS' TODAY... SO DO YOUR BEST, GIRLS! AND, CLICKER, GET SOME GOOD SHOTS!
MR. HANOVER, CAN'T I CONVINCE YOU THAT THE GOWN YOU GAVE MILLIE IS MUCH MORE SUITED TO ME?
I JUST HAVE TO GET THAT GOWN, SOMEHOW...SO CLICKER CAN SEE ME IN IT! IT'LL KNOCK HIS EYES OUT!
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WE'VE DISCUSSED THAT THOROUGHLY, CHILI, AND IT'S SETTLED! MILLIE WEARS THE GOWN ASSIGNED!
THANK YOU, MR. HANOVER! I'LL ADORE WEARING IT!
BRRINGG!
GOTTA GO PICK UP SOME FILM, MILLIE! MEET YOU AT THE VAN RIVERS' SHINDIG!
OKAY!
WARNING FOR MILLIE COLLINS... TWO SUSPICIOUS LOOKING MEN WILL BE FOLLOWING HER TODAY! (CLICK!)
WHA- HUNG UP!
SOMETHING WRONG, MR. HANOVER?
ER... NO! JUST SOME CRANK, I THINK... BUT BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS WHO MAY FOLLOW YOU!
SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS? WHY SHOULD ANYBODY WANT TO FOLLOW ME?
COULD IT BE THAT MR. HANOVER IS BECOMING INTERESTED IN MY WELFARE? IF SO... I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CRANK WHO CALLED!
GASP! OH!

DRU
DELICATE
I'D BETTER CALL MR. HANOVER!
DRUG STORE
WHAT SHALL I DO, MR. HANOVER? I'M BEING **FOLLOWED** AND I DON'T **LIKE** IT!
I'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE! YOU JUST GET TO MRS. VAN RIVERS'! DON'T WORRY ABOUT A **THING**!
HUMPH! HE CAN'T BE ANXIOUS ABOUT **MY SAFETY!** HE'S JUST WORRYING ABOUT THE FASHION SHOW!
TAXI!
TAXI!
THAT WASN'T AN **ECHO** I HEARD!
HURRY, DRIVER! MRS. VAN RIVERS'!
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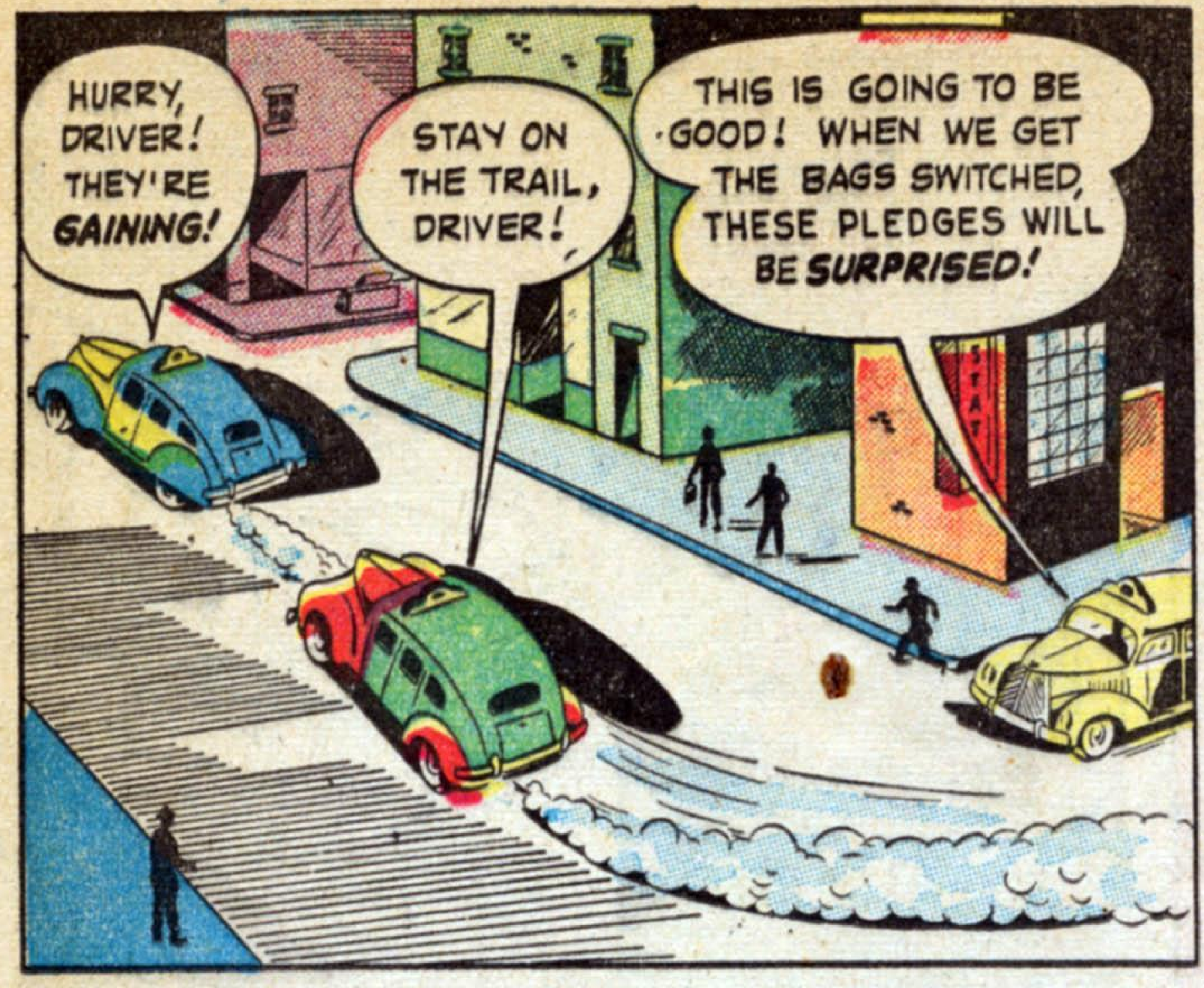
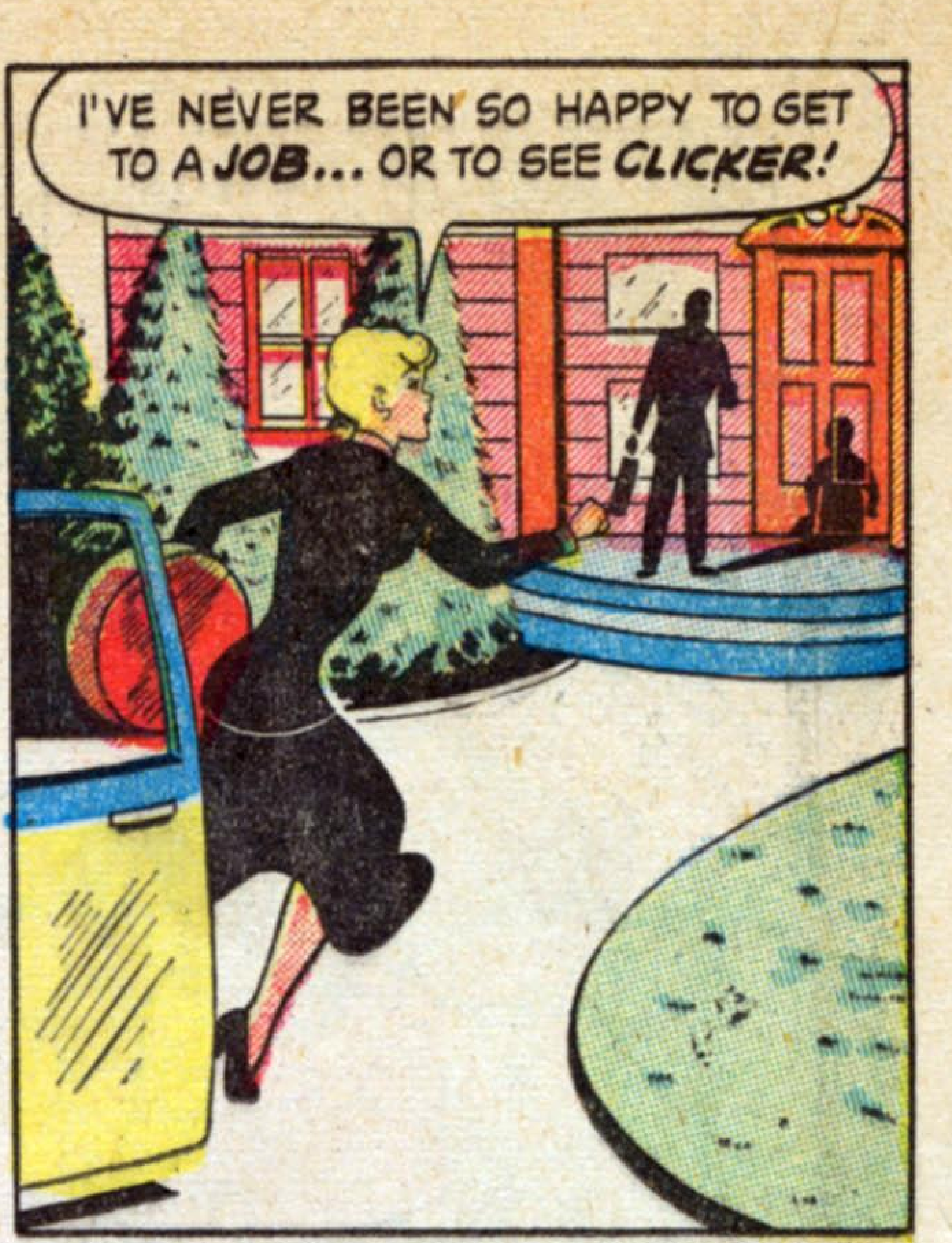
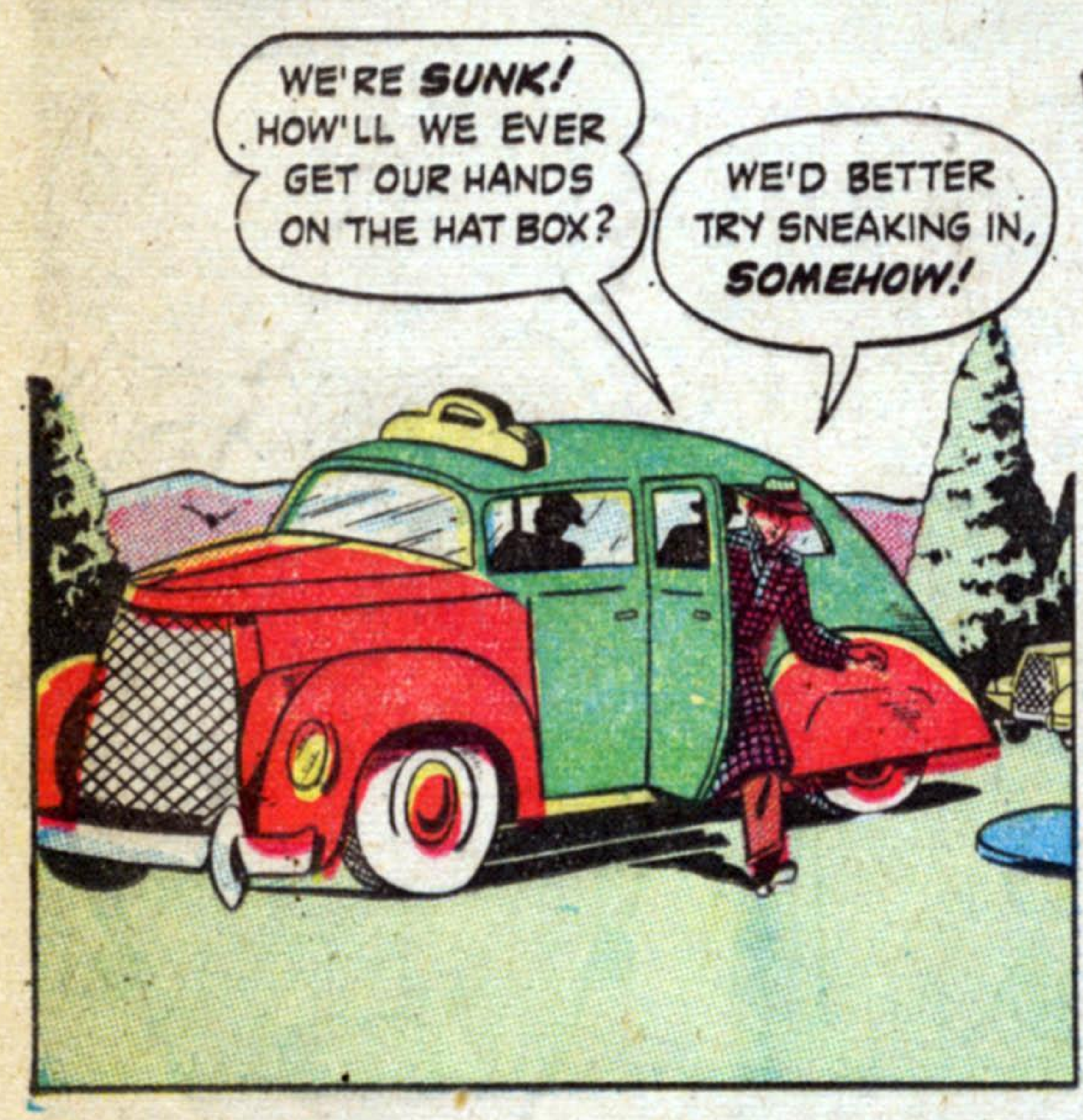
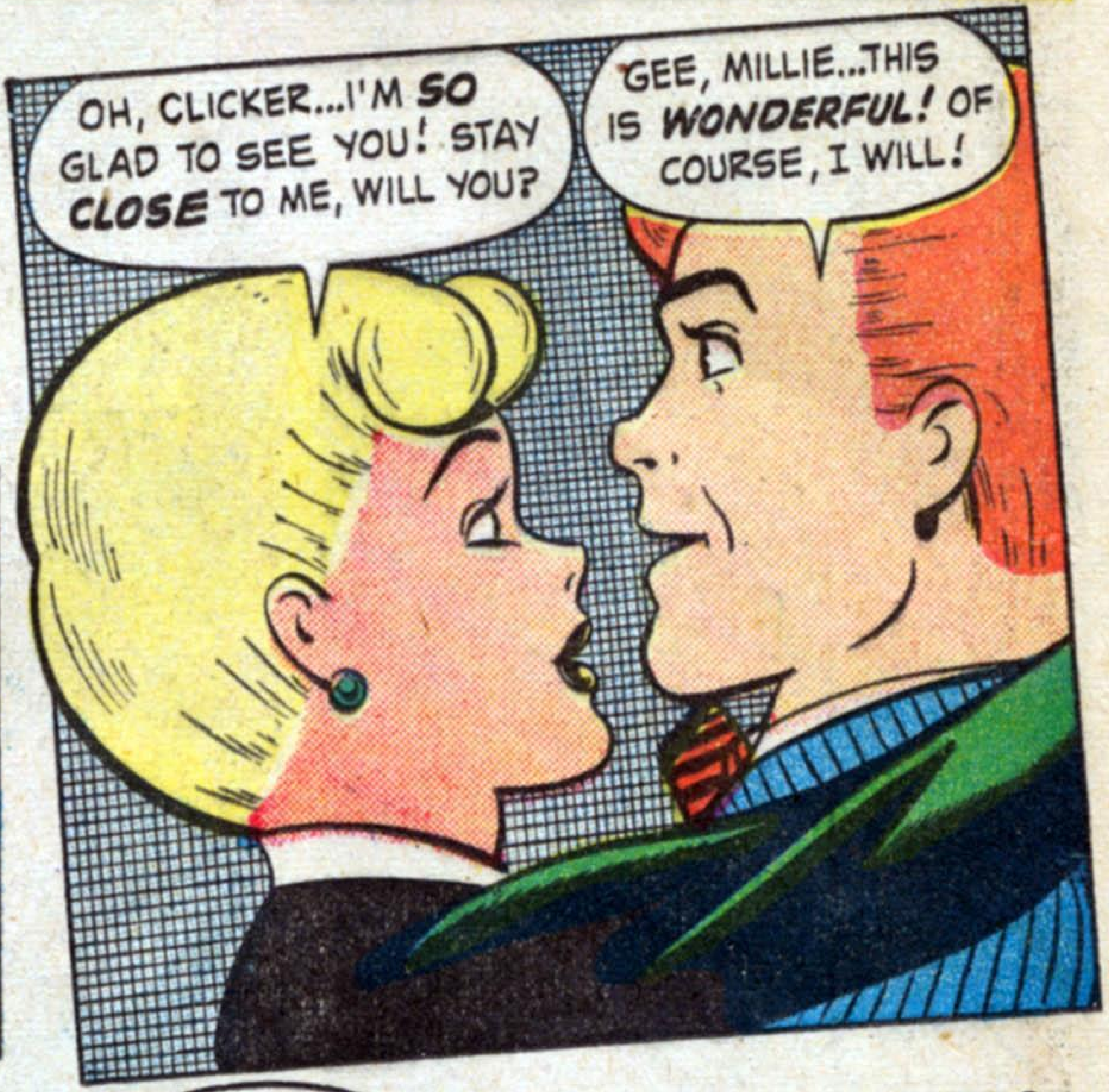
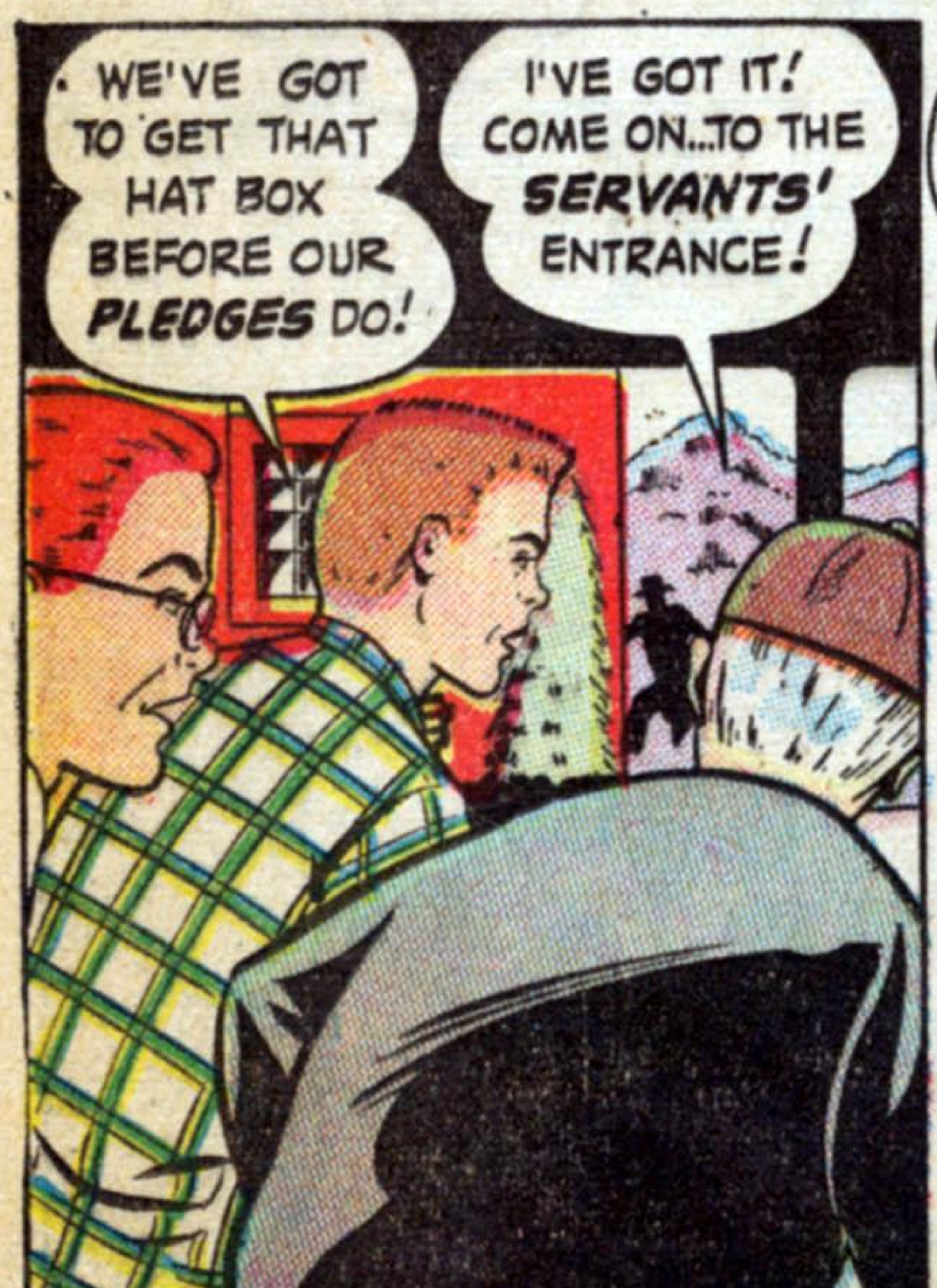
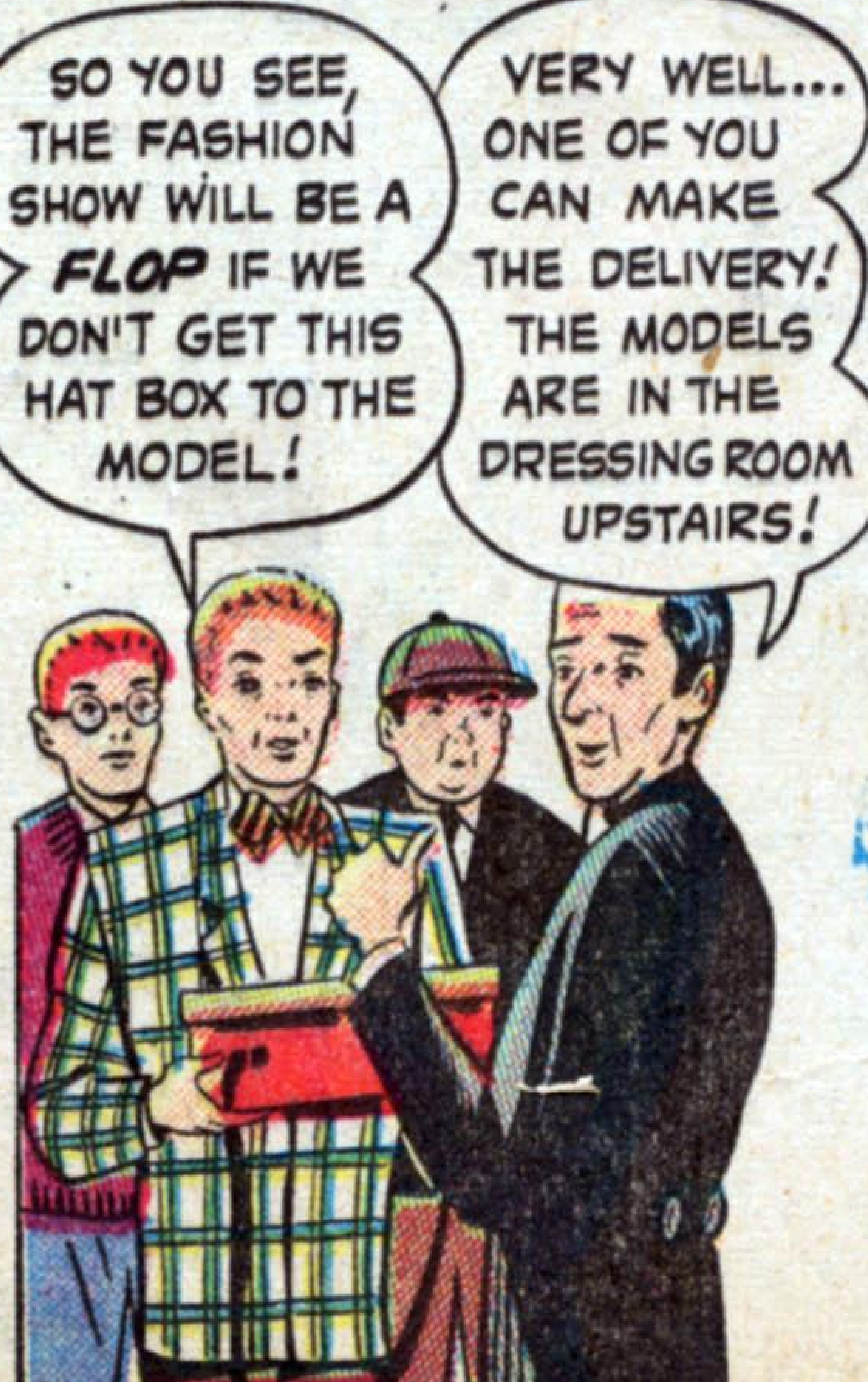

HURRY, DRIVER! THEY'RE *GAINING!*
STAY ON THE TRAIL, DRIVER!
THIS IS GOING TO BE GOOD! WHEN WE GET THE BAGS SWITCHED, THESE PLEDGES WILL BE *SURPRISED!*

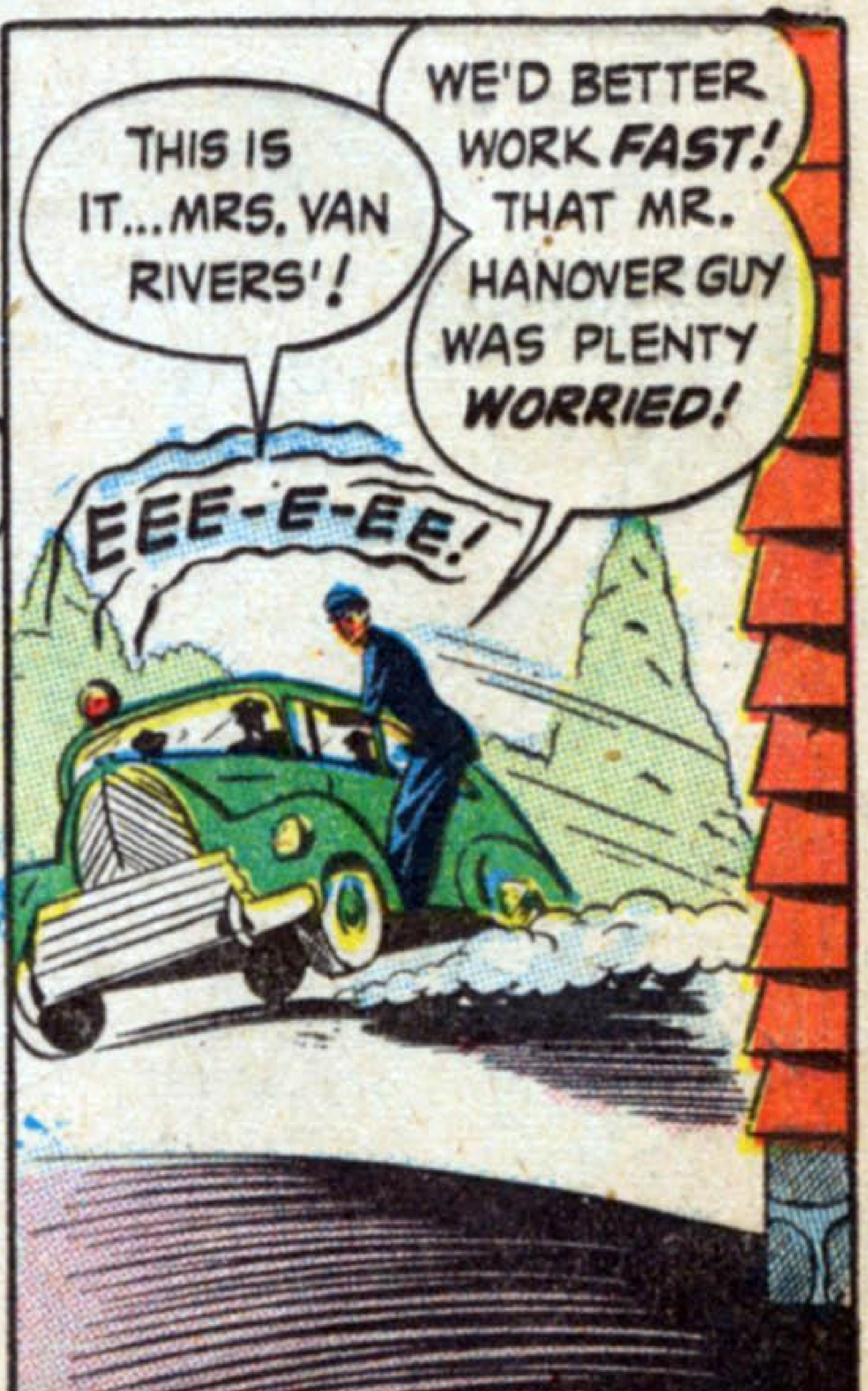

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY TO GET TO A *JOB*... OR TO SEE *CLICKER!*


WE'RE *SUNK!* HOW'LL WE EVER GET OUR HANDS ON THE HAT BOX?
WE'D BETTER TRY SNEAKING IN, *SOMEHOW!*


OH, CLICKER...I'M *SO* GLAD TO SEE YOU! STAY *CLOSE* TO ME, WILL YOU?
GEE, MILLIE...THIS IS *WONDERFUL!* OF COURSE, I WILL!


WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT HAT BOX BEFORE OUR *PLEDGES* DO!
I'VE GOT IT! COME ON...TO THE *SERVANTS'* ENTRANCE!


SO YOU SEE, THE FASHION SHOW WILL BE A *FLOP* IF WE DON'T GET THIS HAT BOX TO THE MODEL!
VERY WELL... ONE OF YOU CAN MAKE THE DELIVERY! THE MODELS ARE IN THE DRESSING ROOM UPSTAIRS!


THIS IS IT... MRS. VAN RIVERS'!
WE'D BETTER WORK *FAST!* THAT MR. HANOVER GUY WAS PLENTY *WORRIED!*
EEE-E-EE!

SURROUND THE HOUSE, MEN!
EE-E-EE
HAVE YOU BEEN HEARING WHAT I HAVE?
I'M AFRAID SO!
HALT... OR WE'LL SHOOT!
LET'S NOT GET RECKLESS, OFFICER!
MERCY! WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU, MRS. RIVERS!
MILLIE HAS SUCH A VIVID IMAGINATION, MRS. VAN RIVERS! SHE ALWAYS THINKS SHE IS THE CAUSE OF ALL KINDS OF EXCITEMENT!
I'D BETTER IDENTIFY THEM!
WHAT ABOUT MY FASHION SHOW?
ARE THEY THE MEN, MISS?
YES, CHIEF!
WE HAD TO GAG 'EM! THEY WERE RAVING ABOUT HAT BOXES!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DRESSING ROOM...
AND NOW TO MAKE THE **SWITCH**! THOSE PLEDGES WILL PROBABLY GET HERE ANY MINUTE!
AND WHILE MILLIE IS SO BUSY BEING A **HEROINE**, I KNOW WHAT **I'LL** DO! LITTLE CHILI, **YOU'RE** A SMART ONE!
WHAT MILLIE HAS IN THAT BOX, WILL LOOK **BETTER** ON **ME**!
CLANG!
EEEE-EKK!
QUIRR-R!
PEEP!
WHAT NOW? MY POOR FASHION SHOW!
CLANG! CLANG!
HORRORS!
GLUB! GLUB!
THIS IS **NOT** MY IDEA OF A JOKE! WE SHALL HAVE TO CARRY ON **WITHOUT** YOU, MISS! WHERE IS THAT **OTHER** MODEL?
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SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN, BUT THESE BOYS STOPPED US OUTSIDE! THEY HAVE TO SEE MILLIE COLLINS BEFORE WE MAKE A **MISTAKE,** THEY SAID!
MORE DELAYS!
THEY SAY THEY'RE A FRATERNITY, MISS COLLINS!
WE'RE ETA BETA ZETA, MILLIE! IT WAS JUST AN ***INITIATION!***
THE FRATERNITY THAT ***ADOPTED*** ME! OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THE BOSS TOLD ME YOU WERE IN ***TROUBLE,*** MILLIE!
SHE'S ***NEVER*** IN TROUBLE WHEN AN ETA BETA ZETA'S AROUND!
WHAT ABOUT MY FASHION SHOW?
PLEASE, MAY THE BOYS STAY AND WATCH, MRS. VAN RIVERS?
ANYTHING! JUST GET ***STARTED!***
A SHORT WHILE LATER...
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE INITIATED ALL ***OVER*** AGAIN!
I DON'T MIND... *(SIGH!)*... IF IT MEANS TRAILING ***MILLIE!***
SAY, CAN ***I*** JOIN YOUR FRATERNITY?
FOR GUYS IN ***HIGHER*** EDUCATION, THESE COLLEGE BOYS HAVE SUNK TO A NEW ***LOW!***
THE END

HEY LOOK
CLIK!
I BOUGHT AN OSCILLATING FAN!
SEE! IT OSCILLATES FROM SIDE TO SIDE!
4310
HEY! IT'S OSCILLATING AWAY FROM ME! I'D BETTER MOVE UNDER IT!
HEY! NOW THAT I'M DOWN HERE, IT'S OSCILLATING TOWARDS THE WALL!
NOW THAT I'M ON THE WALL, IT'S OSCILLATING TOWARDS THE CEILING!
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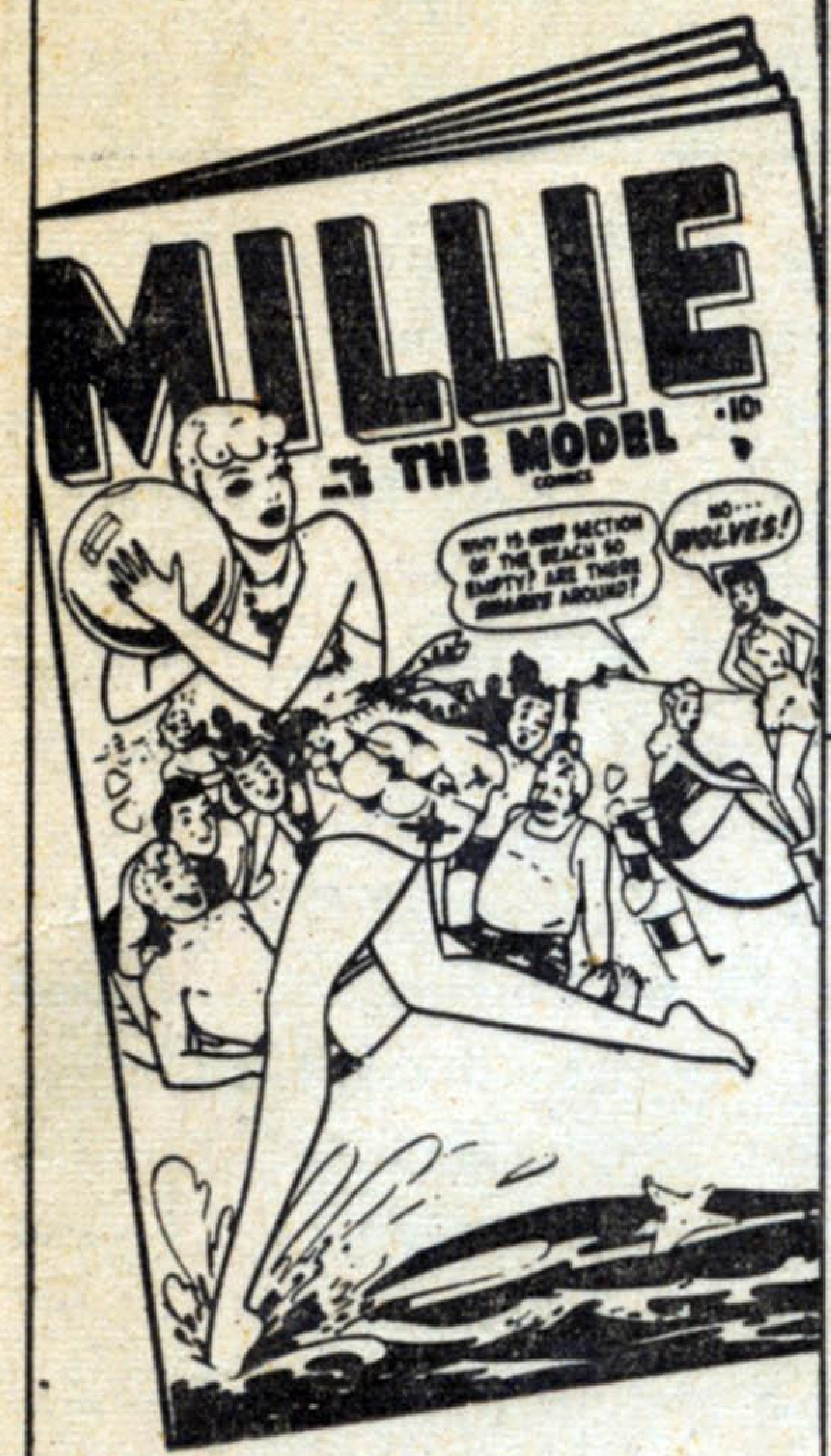
NOW THAT I'M ON THE CEILING, IT'S OUT THE WINDOW!
TO THE DEUCE WITH THOSE TEMPERAMENTAL FANS!
THE END

MILLIE
THE MODEL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(1) An airmail 5c to mark the merger of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Staten Island into the municipality of New York, fifty years ago.

(2) A stamp to honor the volunteer firemen of America.

(3) A stamp to mark the centenary of the establishing of Fort Kearney in Nebraska.

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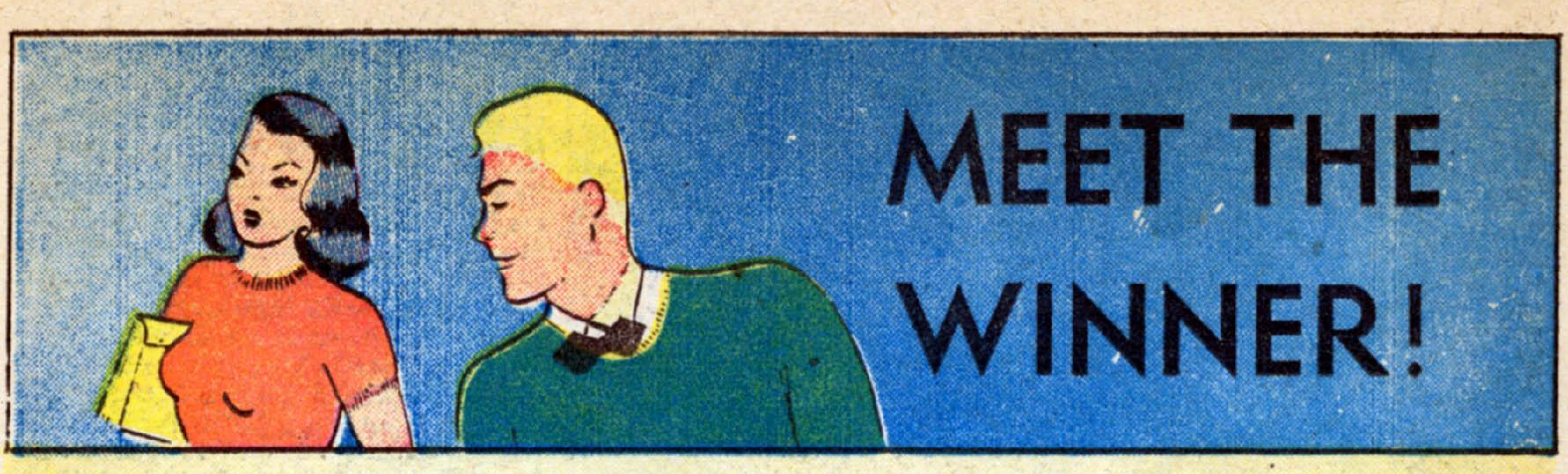

MEET THE WINNER!

AT first I just couldn't believe Carolyn would do a thing like that. After all, she's always been one of my best friends—a square-hittin' kitten if there ever was one.

But before I get in too deep, here's with the info on me. The name is Jinny Lester—blue eyes, brown hair, and generally figured as a hep chick —by the gang at Lincoln High, that is. And who cares for anybody else?

So I know what cooks at school, and I know that Carolyn always was the most popular girl. Guys go for a set-up like that—naturally curly yellow hair, big hazel eyes, a dimpled grin—and we females know an all right jane when we see one. At least, we thought we did!

The thing started, really, when Ellie Allen came. The minute she walked into class you could feel things happening. The hearts of our masculine colleagues stood still as a broken yoyo while Ellie found her way demurely to a seat. Her hair was short and black and smooth, turned under slickly at the ends, and even in a skirt and sweater, she looked sort of chic and fascinating.

"Brother!" Chuck Evans sighed in the seat next to mine. "Could I go for that!"

He did—and he wasn't the only one! At least half the fellows in school asked Ellie out. She could have had her choice of a couple of dates each night, but *she turned them all down!*

Well, if you think that didn't make her Miss Mystery of 1948, you don't know Lincoln High. "Maybe she's just too, too entrancing to bother with high school boys!" Hazel Johnson said one day, striking a vampish pose.

But Carolyn, who never made cracks about anybody, said earnestly, "She's probably not high-hatting at all. Maybe she's engaged!"

So one of us asked Ellie about that, but she just laughed and shook her head. She wasn't engaged, and she didn't seem like the snooty type, yet she wouldn't give out with a single date or a good reason for the turn-downs! Not only that—she never even palled around with the rest of us after school!

Naturally, it got to where we weren't too crazy about her. She had a swell personality, and some of the boys were still pretty dazed, but Carolyn was still our most popular gal. So when the Popularity Contest came around, we figured Carolyn would win in a walk.

The contest is a pretty big thing at Lincoln. Every year we vote on the most popular girl and most popular boy, and the local tradespeople donate prizes to the winners. This year the jeweler in town was giving two platinum wristwatches, and they were supposed to be worth a hundred dollars apiece! So it would be more than just an honor to win.

The big ballot box was kept in the principal's office, and all during the contest week the kids were supposed to put in their votes.

"According to rumor," Hazel said worriedly about the middle of the week, "a lot of our lovelorn males are voting for Ellie. I'm getting nervous about Carolyn's chances!"

"Carolyn's *got* to win!" I said. "She's been here for ages, and we know all about her, and—well, she's just got to!"

But I'll have to admit I was nervous myself, and I didn't see how Carolyn could stay so calm about it. She just smiled and said, "Relax, Jinny! This isn't a political campaign, and if I lose, I

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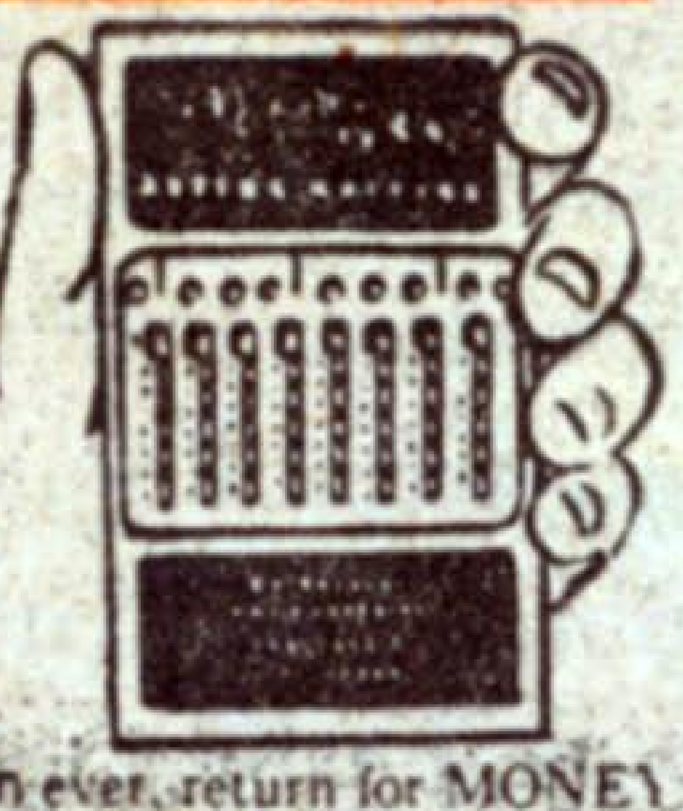

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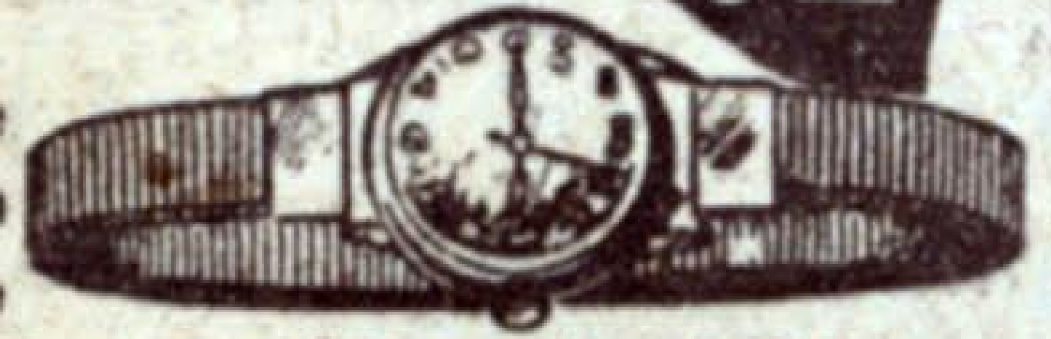

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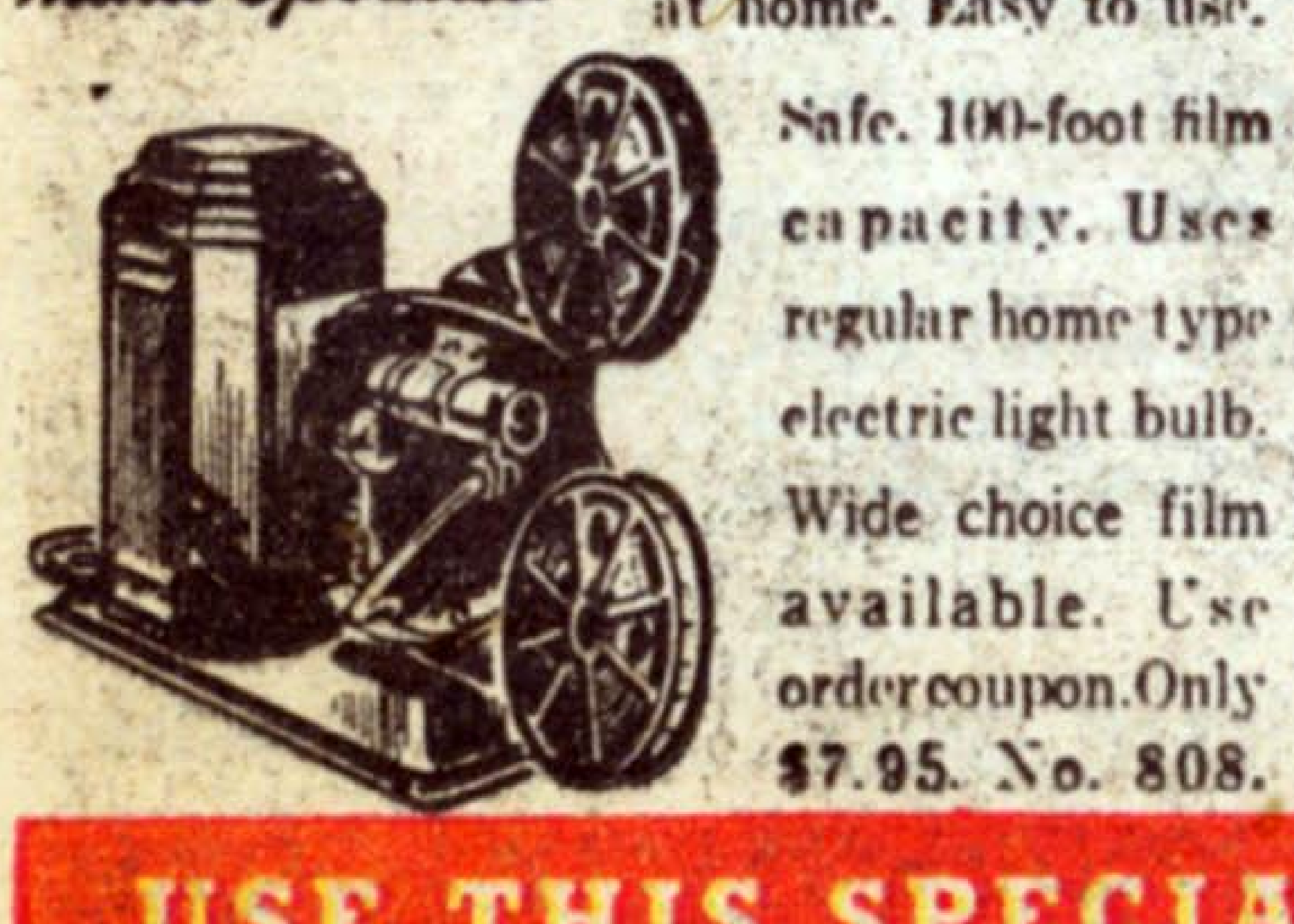

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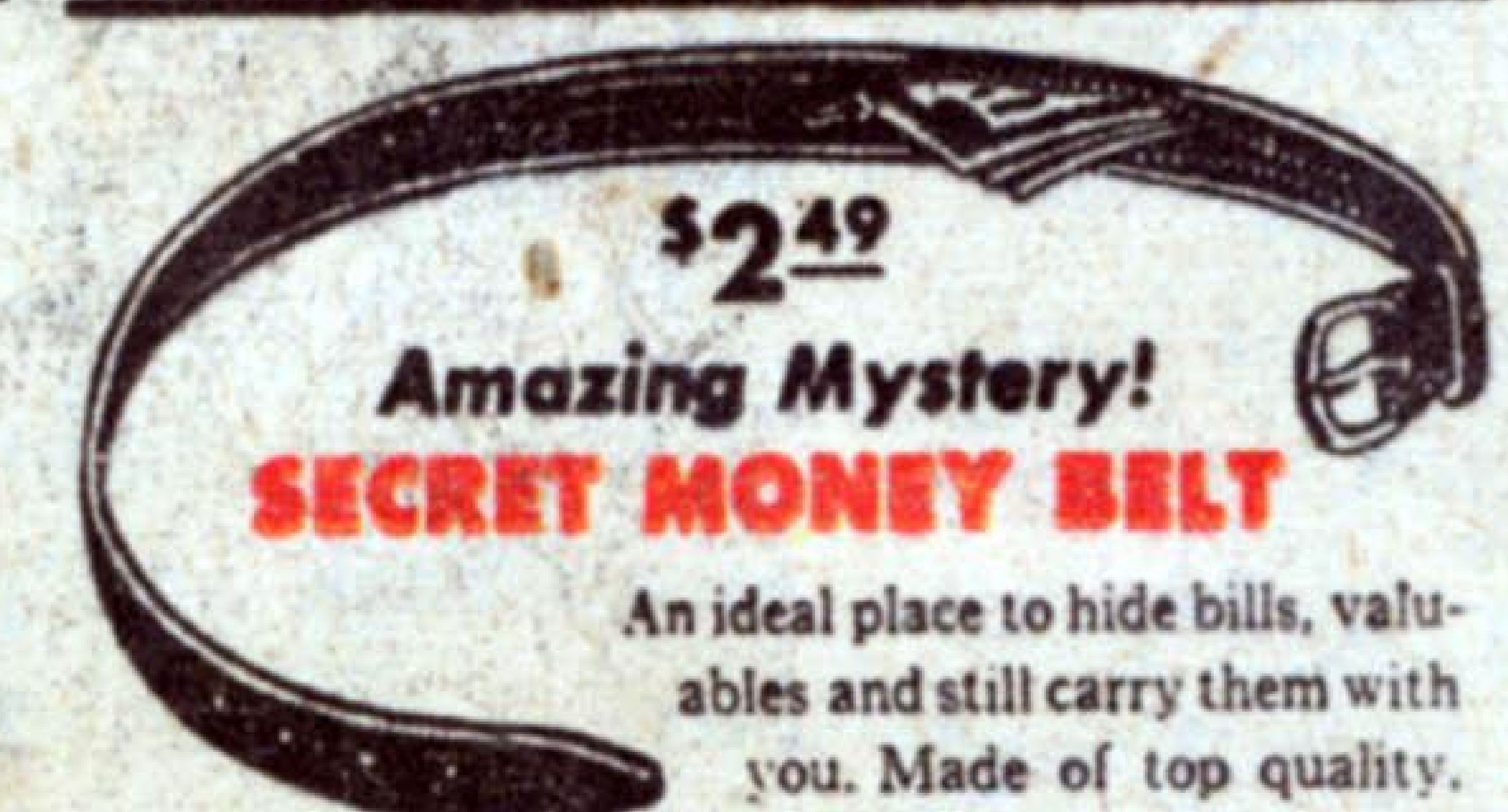

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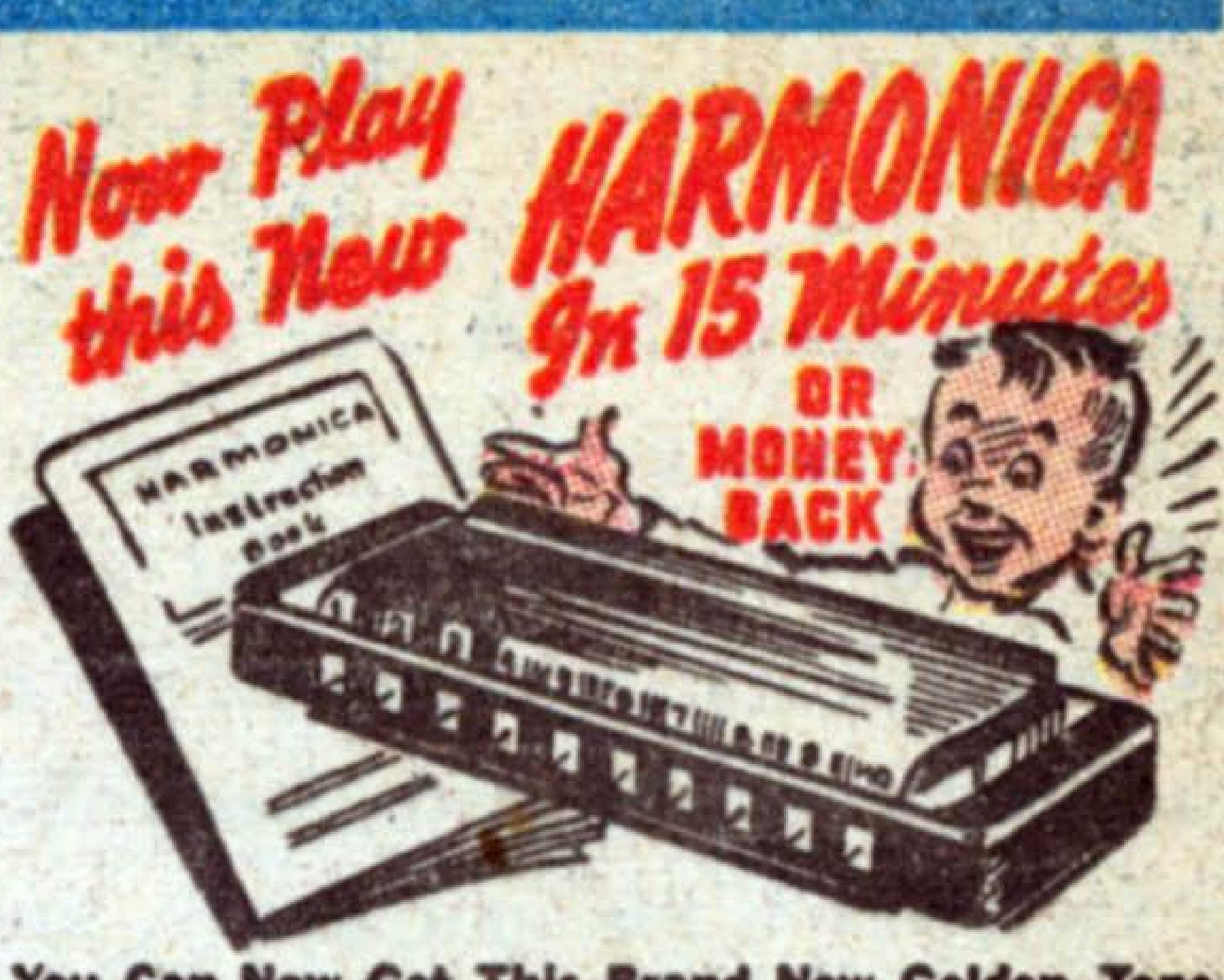

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lose—that's all! Maybe lots of the girls are better liked than I am."

That wasn't true, but when the votes were finally counted, we all remembered the calm, sure way Carolyn had acted. She had never seemed at all worried about the results—and that was one of the things that counted so heavily against her.

Miss Widgin, the school principal, called on assembly after the votes were sorted out by the faculty. We were all nervous and excited, but even through our excitement, we could see that Miss Widgin looked pretty stern about something. Her face was white and angry, and she gave it to us straight, without any fooling around.

"I cannot give the results of the Popularity Contest at the present time," she said firmly, "because nearly half the votes for Most Popular Girl are in the same handwriting. And every single one in that writing is for Carolyn Hall."

There was a minute of stunned silence. I could almost feel my own eyes bulging out. Carolyn—Carolyn, of all people!—must have stuffed all those extra votes in the box for herself and thrown out the real votes! She must have gone into Miss Widgin's office alone, found out that Ellie was leading, and been willing to cheat another girl so that she could win! She hadn't realized they'd check handwriting.

Now there were gasps and a whisper going all over the assembly hall, and everybody was looking at Carolyn. I saw that she was sitting very stiffly, her face pink and frightened.

"I suggest that the Student Council meet this afternoon," Miss Widgin said, "and that Carolyn Hall be questioned before the board." Then she walked off the platform, and the assembly was over. I was on Student Council so I felt even worse than a lot of the other kids. Carolyn—my chum from way back—was going to have to stand there in front of us while I helped accuse her!

The council got together in the English room right after classes, and we sent for Carolyn. We had checked on the fair votes in the box, the ones that were on the level in different writings, and they were mostly for Ellie. She had really won, and we were going to declare her the winner. But we still had to figure out whether or not to recommend Carolyn's expulsion to Miss Widgin, and we couldn't do that until we'd talked to the girl.

There was a dead silence as Carolyn came into the room. She held her head high, but her face was very pale, with tear stains under her hazel eyes. She sat down in a chair in front of us all and faced us squarely.

Hazel, chairman of the council, cleared her throat and tried not to look embarrassed. "Carolyn," she said haltingly, "we—we'll try to be as fair as we can, and . . ."

But before Hazel could get out another word, the door of the room burst open, and Ellie rushed in, slamming the door behind her! She stood still for an instant, trembling, staring at us all. Then she cried out, "I did it! I can't let you punish Carolyn!" And while we were still blinking in amazement, she put her hands in front of her face and began to cry!

"I know it's the same as stealing!" she sobbed. "I was sorry right after I did it, but I was afraid to go back and put the real votes back in the box! You see, I—I knew everybody'd blame Carolyn, and call me the winner—and *I wasn't winning at all!* Carolyn was way ahead of me!"

She took her hands away from her face and looked at us all desperately, the tears running down her face. Then she whispered, "My kid sister caught polio when she was a baby. The doctor says if she gets special treatment now, she may be able to walk again, and I've been working nights and after school to help out. That's why I never have dates. That's why I wanted to win the contest—so I could sell the platinum wristwatch!"

Well, maybe I don't have to tell you what happened. We got together and explained like mad to Miss Widgin—and Ellie still goes to Lincoln High.

The day after the Popularity Contest prizes were awarded to Chuck Evans and Carolyn Hall, Ellie got a package. It was left in her desk, and the card said, "If this helps your sister walk, I don't care what time it is! Love, Carolyn."

Yessir, any way you look at it, that girl's a winner!

THE END

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HEDY
DE VINE
YOU SURE ARE A *PRETTY CHICK!*
FRESH THING!
"COUNTRY CUT-UP!"
3548
MR. LE GRAND WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY, MR. TRUMPETSKI!
I WONDER WHAT HE WANTS!
GABBY, MR. LE GRAND WANTS YOU TO REPORT TO HIM IMMEDIATELY!
OKAY... WHAT'S EATING HIM NOW?
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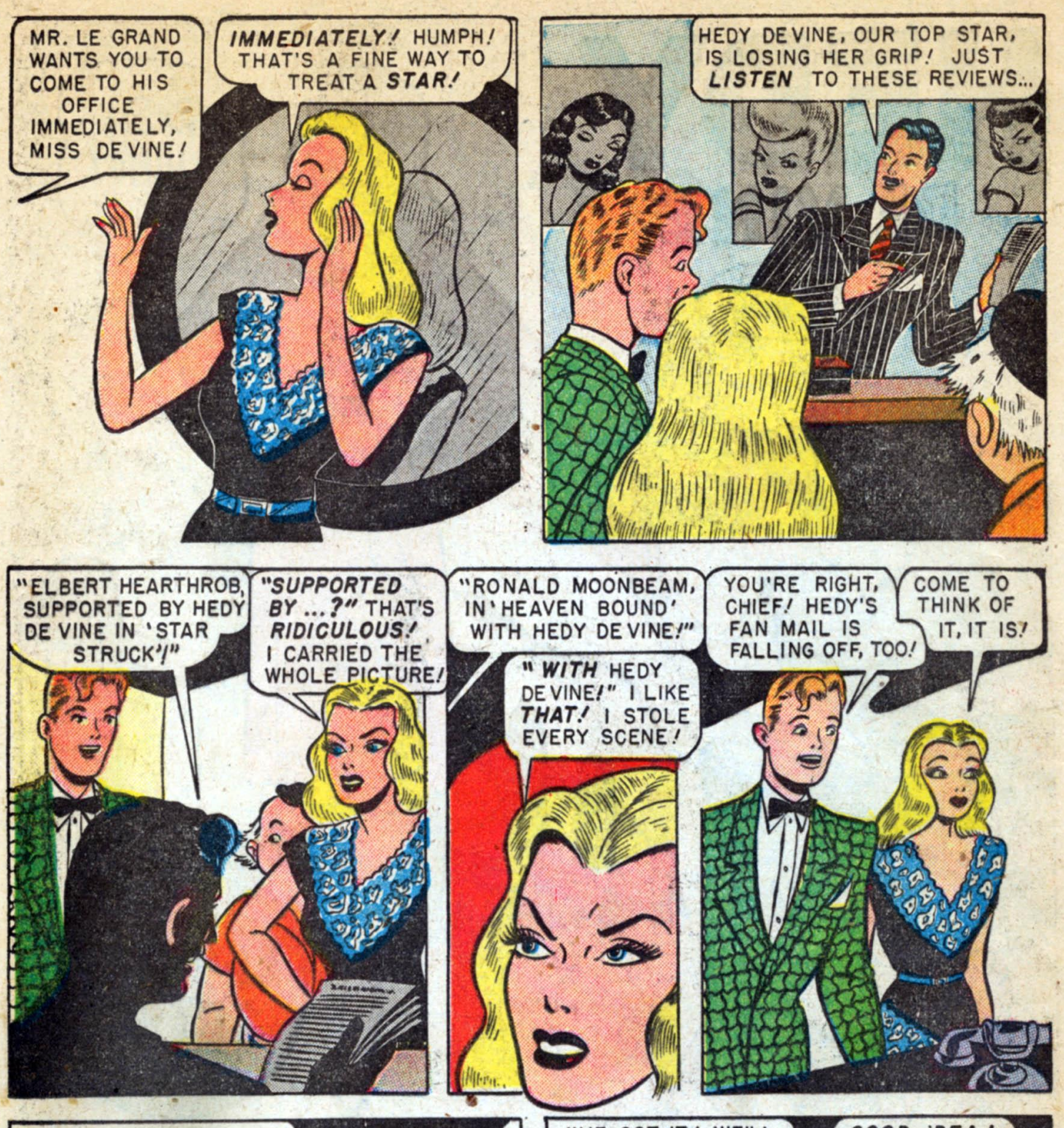
MR. LE GRAND WANTS YOU TO COME TO HIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY, MISS DE VINE!
IMMEDIATELY! HUMPH! THAT'S A FINE WAY TO TREAT A *STAR!*
HEDY DE VINE, OUR TOP STAR, IS LOSING HER GRIP! JUST *LISTEN* TO THESE REVIEWS...
"ELBERT HEARTHROB, SUPPORTED BY HEDY DE VINE IN 'STAR STRUCK'!"
"SUPPORTED BY ...?" THAT'S *RIDICULOUS!* I CARRIED THE WHOLE PICTURE!
"RONALD MOONBEAM, IN 'HEAVEN BOUND' WITH HEDY DE VINE!"
"*WITH* HEDY DE VINE!" I LIKE *THAT!* I STOLE EVERY SCENE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, CHIEF! HEDY'S FAN MAIL IS FALLING OFF, TOO!
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT IS!
THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU ALL HERE! *SOMETHING MUST* BE *DONE!*
EXACTLY WHAT I SAY... *SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!*
I'VE GOT IT! WE'LL GET A NEW LEADING MAN FOR HEDY! SOMEONE SHE CAN *DOMINATE!*
GOOD IDEA! SOMEONE THAT HEDY CAN COMPLETELY *OVERSHADOW!*

HOW ABOUT HOMELY HERBERT HAMBERGER? HE'S SURE AN UGLY CHILD!
HE'S TOO **INTELLIGENT!** HE'D STEAL ALL THE SCENES!
THERE'S JAMES JAMESON! HE'S THE BEST-LOOKING ACTOR ON THE LOT! HOW ABOUT **HIM?**
HE'S TOO **HANDSOME!** ALL THE FEMALE FANS LOVE HIM!
WE NEED SOMEBODY WHO'S BOTH **UGLY** AND **DUMB!** I THINK I KNOW JUST THE GUY! **WAIT HERE!**
MY BARBER IS THE UGLIEST AND MOST STUPID MAN I KNOW! I'LL TALK TO HIM!
...SO IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY EDUCATION, GEORGE, YOU'RE MY MAN!
BUT I **AM** EDUCATED!
I WENT TO **BARBER COLLEGE!**
A COLLEGE GRADUATE! THAT LETS YOU OUT!
LATER...
GABBY, THAT FRUIT PEDDLER IS A LIKELY PROSPECT!
RIGHT! SAY, PAL, DID YOU EVER GO TO SCHOOL?
AND DID YOU EVER TRY MINDING YOUR **OWN** BUSINESS?
HMM... IT'S NO USE IN THE CITY, HEDY! I THINK WE'D BETTER LOOK IN THE COUNTRY!
WONDERFUL! I LOVE THE COUNTRY!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...
LOOK AT THAT FUNNY LOOKING SCARECROW!
THAT'S NO SCARECROW... THAT'S A FARMER AND JUST THE BOY WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
HI, THERE!
HELLO, TALL, DARK, AND RUSTIC!
HOWDY... AIR YE CITY FOLK?
YUP, WE AIR... I MEAN, YES, WE ARE!
I NEVER BEEN TA THE CITY... PAPPY SAYS I AM NOT OLD ENOUGH... ONLY THIRTY, Y'KNOW!
HAVE YOU HAD ANY *EDUCATION,* MISTER?
YUP! PAPPY EJICATED ME TO DO THE CHORES AND MULK THE CAOW!
GOOD! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MUH HANDLE'S HEATHCLIFF HICK!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO *HOLLYWOOD* AND BE IN *PICTURES?*
SHORE, IF I CAN TAKE *BESSIE* WITH ME!

BESSIE! ARE YOU MARRIED?
OH, NO! BESSIE'S MY CAOW! THAT'S HER OVER THERE!
THEN IT'S SETTLED! WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK WITH US!
WAIT TILL I GET MY NEW SUSPENDERS, WITH THE MATCHIN' ARMBANDS!
LATER, IN THE PRODUCER'S OFFICE...
WONDERFUL! HICK'S I.Q. IS THE LOWEST ON RECORD!
THIS PICTURE WILL BE A HUNDRED PER CENT HEDY'S!
GABBY, I WANT YOU AND HEDY TO BE SEEN WITH HEATHCLIFF AND SANDRA IN THE TOWN'S NIGHT SPOTS!
HM... I GET ALL THE BREAKS!
SO THAT EVENING...
PUT DOWN THAT FINGER BOWL, YOU BOOB!
AH'M THIRSTY!
SLUPP! SLUPP!
SAY, I THOUGHT HOLLYWOOD WAS IN THE YEWNITED STATES! I CAN'T READ THE BILL OF FARE!
MENU
I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN READ AT ALL!
PURTY GOOD VITTLES! GORSH IT'S LATE! I GOTTA GIT TA BED!
OH! HOW INSUFFERABLE!
SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, HEATHCLIFF!
A SHORT WHILE LATER...

NO, NO, HICK! NOT THAT WAY! KISS HER AS IF YOU ENJOYED IT!
WELL... DUH... I NEVER KISSED A FEMALE, 'CEPT BESSIE!
THE NEXT MORNING...
THIS PICTURE WILL PUT HEDY RIGHT BACK ON TOP!
POOR HEATHCLIFF! HIS ONLY LINES ARE "YUP" AND "NOPE"!
CUT! THAT'S IT! WE'VE FINISHED THE PICTURE!
WHEW!
A MONTH LATER...
LE GRAND WANTS TO SEE US RIGHT AWAY, HEDY!
PROBABLY ABOUT THE PREVIEW LAST NIGHT!
YES, I HEARD THAT THE APPLAUSE AFTERWARD WAS TERRIFIC!
THAT'S WONDERFUL! I GUESS THE FAN MAIL WILL BE ROLLING IN AGAIN!
WELL, CHIEF! PRETTY PROUD OF YOUR STAR, HUH?
I'LL SAY! WHAT A PUBLICITY BUILD-UP I'M PLANNING! BOY, OH, BOY... THE GREATEST THING IN PICTURES, UNDER CONTRACT TO ME!
IN FACT, LISTEN TO THIS! "THE PREVIEW LAST NIGHT OF 'HER RUSTIC ROMANCE,' ESTABLISHED HEATHCLIFF HICK AS A GREAT, NEW, NATURAL LOVER! WOMEN SWOONED IN THE LOBBY! THE APPLAUSE SHOOK THE BUILDING!"
THUD!
THE END

TESSIE THE TYPIST

"WATER WORRIES!"

SKIDSY! I *TOLD* YOU NOT TO RAISE THE ROOF!
3198
ISN'T IT SIMPLY *DIVINE*, SKIDSY? JOE GLUBB JUST BOUGHT A HOUSE, AND HE'S INVITED US TO SPEND A DAY IN THE COUNTRY, AT HIS NEW HOME TOMORROW! SO BE SURE TO CALL FOR ME BRIGHT AND EARLY IN THE MORNING!
NEXT DAY...
THERE IT IS... MY NEW HOMESTEAD! DO YOU LIKE IT?
OH, JOE... IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
VERY NICE!

OH, IT'S SO LOVELY!
LIKE IT, EH?
SURE WISH I COULD AFFORD TO BUY ONE! THEN I'D BE ABLE TO PROPOSE TO TESSIE!
NOW I'D LIKE YOU TO EXCUSE ME FOR A LITTLE WHILE! I'VE GOT TO RUN DOWN TO THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND SIGN THE MORTGAGE PAPERS!
GO RIGHT AHEAD, JOE!
THANKS! I WON'T BE TOO LONG!
OOH, SKIDSY...IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
YEAH! THIS WON'T BE MUCH OF A DAY IN THE COUNTRY!
HEY!
PLINK!
OOH, LOOK! THE RAIN'S GETTING IN!
NO WONDER! LOOK AT THAT CRACK IN THE CEILING!
SKIDSY, WOULDN'T IT BE A FINE THING IF YOU WOULD PLASTER THE CRACK IN THE CEILING FOR JOE, BEFORE HE RETURNS?
WHERE WOULD I GET THE PLASTER?
LET'S LOOK IN THE CELLAR! I'M SURE WE'LL FIND SOME PLASTER THERE!
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WOW! THERE'S WATER IN THE CELLAR!
!
OH, BUT THERE'S A BUCKET! HOW FORTUNATE!
NOW DON'T TELL ME YOU EXPECT ME TO START BAILING OUT ALL THIS WATER!
BUT, SKIDSY, JUST THINK WHAT A WONDERFUL THING YOU'LL BE DOING TO HELP JOE WITH HIS NEW HOUSE!
THIS ISN'T MY IDEA OF A NICE DAY IN THE COUNTRY!
WHY, SKIDSY... THIS IS A LUCKY BREAK FOR YOU!
A LUCKY BREAK! ARE YOU KIDDING?
NOT AT ALL, SKIDSY!
JUST THINK OF THE MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE YOU'LL HAVE WHEN YOU DO BUY A HOME OF YOUR OWN SOME-DAY!

WHEW! WHAT A JOB THAT WAS!
SKIDSY! LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
YOU'VE BROUGHT WATER UP INTO THE HOUSE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT BEING NOTICED, WITH ALL THAT WATER COMING DOWN FROM THOSE CRACKS IN THE CEILING!
OH, SKIDSY... THAT REMINDS ME...
...YOU WERE SO BUSY BAILING WATER OUT OF THE CELLER, THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT PLASTERING THOSE CRACKS!
OH, NO... NOT AGAIN!
MORE WATER!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, SKIDSY!
!
DID JOE HAVE TO BUY A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY?

WAIT'LL TESSIE AND SKIDSY HEAR THE NEWS!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
WHY, JOE, THERE'S WATER IN YOUR CELLAR, AND SKIDSY'S BEEN BAILING IT OUT FOR YOU! ISN'T HE SWEET?
HO-HO-HO!
WHY, JOE, WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
WAIT'LL YOU HEAR!
IT'S *NOT* MY HOUSE!
IT'S **NOT...**
...YOUR HOUSE?
THAT'S RIGHT! THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION WOULDN'T APPROVE THE SALE, SO I'LL HAVE TO FIND ***ANOTHER*** HOUSE!
OH, DEAR...SKIDSY LANDED ON HIS HEAD AGAIN!
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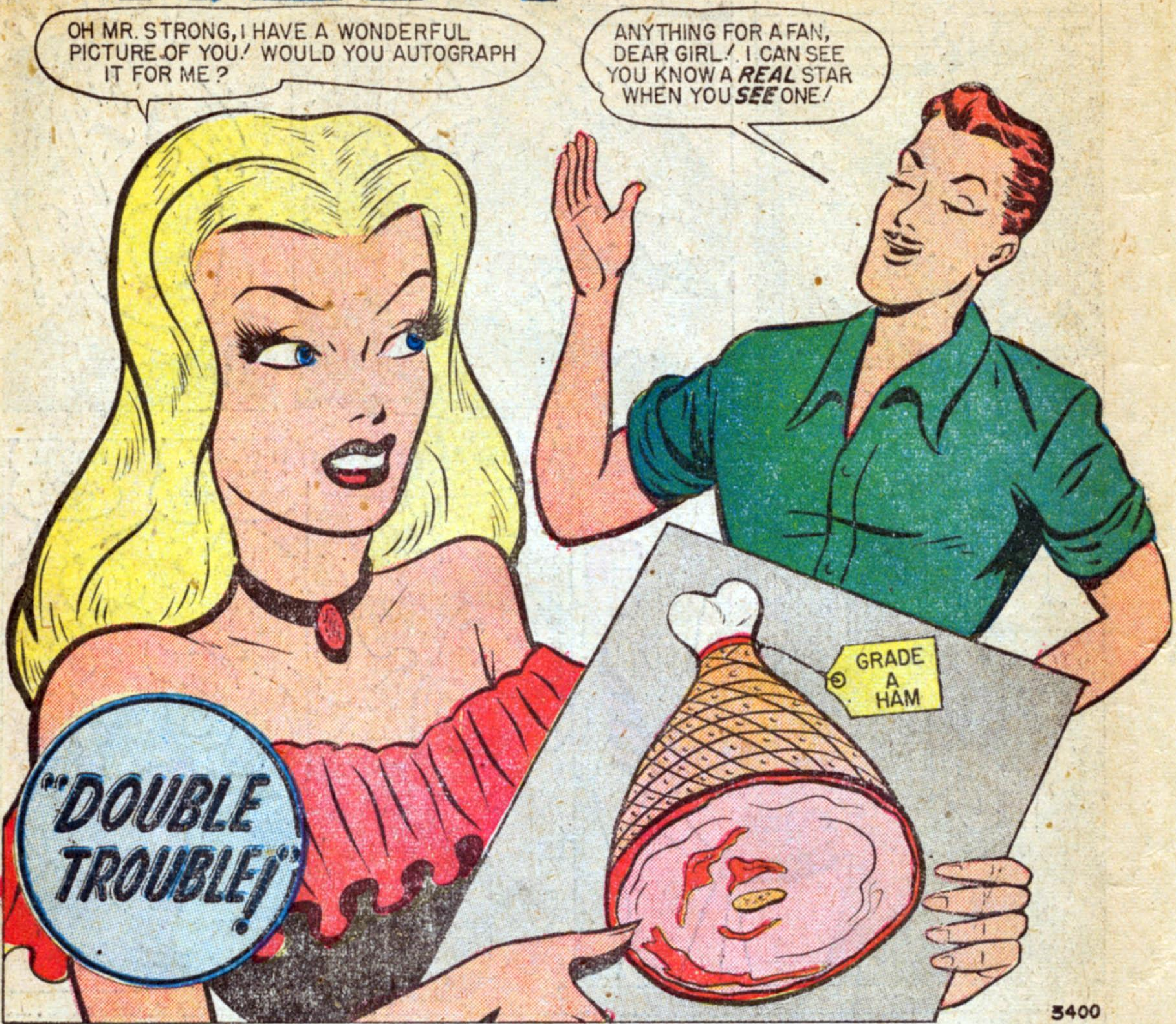
THE END

HEDY DE VINE


OH MR. STRONG, I HAVE A WONDERFUL PICTURE OF YOU! WOULD YOU AUTOGRAPH IT FOR ME?
ANYTHING FOR A FAN, DEAR GIRL! I CAN SEE YOU KNOW A ***REAL*** STAR WHEN YOU ***SEE*** ONE!
GRADE A HAM
"DOUBLE TROUBLE!"
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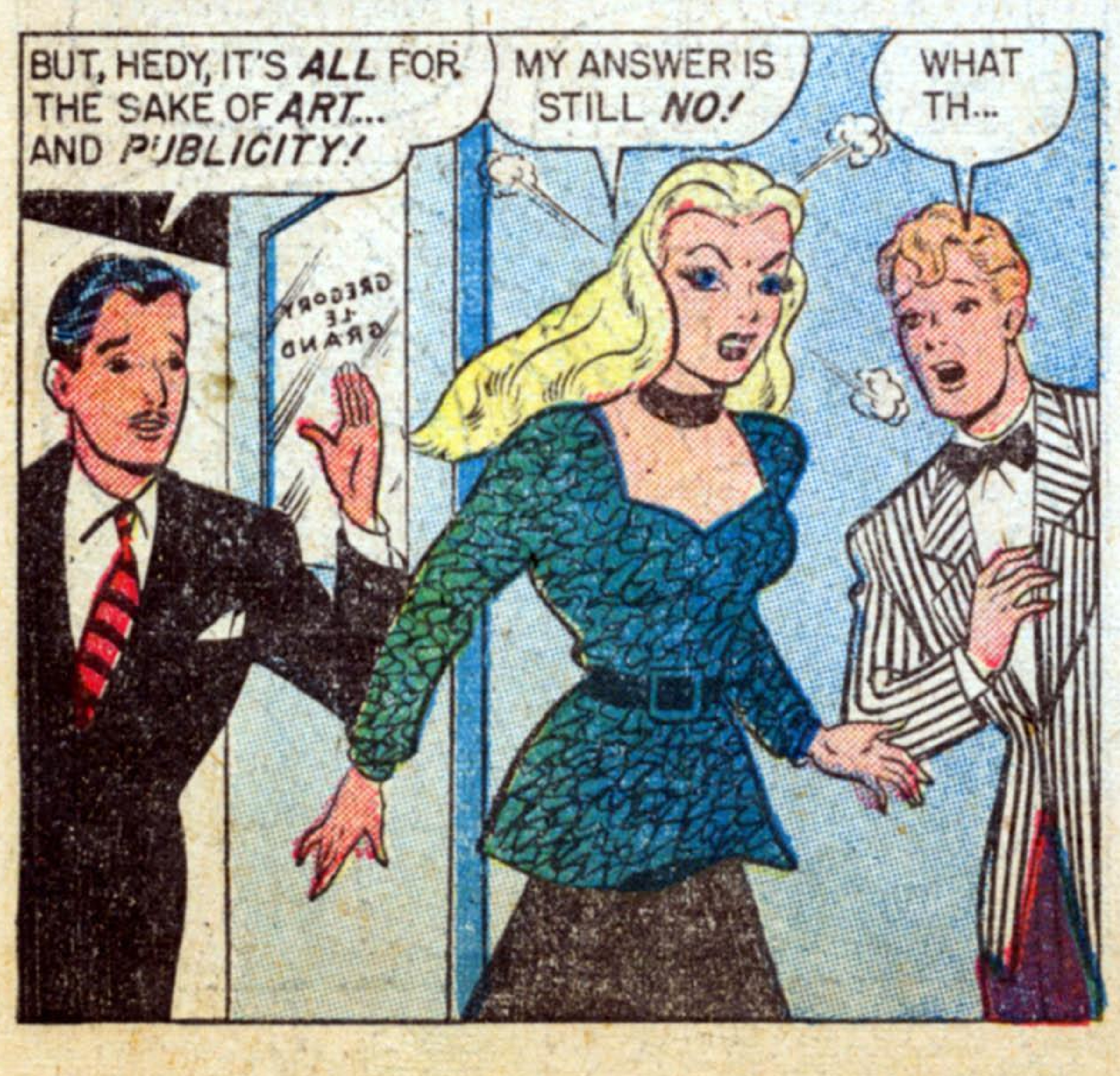
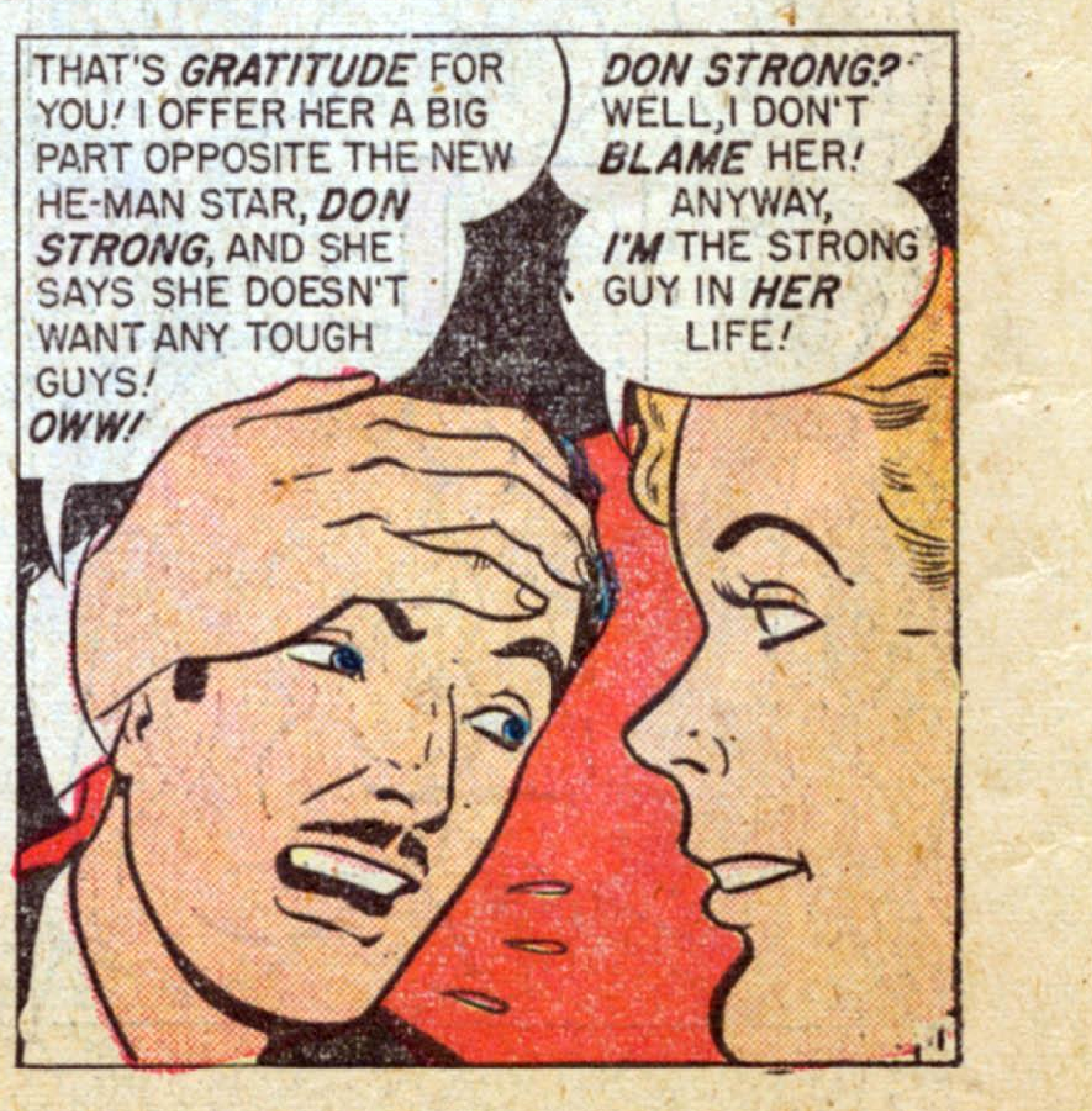

BUT, HEDY, IT'S ***ALL*** FOR THE SAKE OF ***ART***... AND ***PUBLICITY!***
MY ANSWER IS STILL ***NO!***
WHAT TH...
GREGORY LE GRAND


THAT'S ***GRATITUDE*** FOR YOU! I OFFER HER A BIG PART OPPOSITE THE NEW HE-MAN STAR, ***DON STRONG***, AND SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT ANY TOUGH GUYS! ***OWW!***
DON STRONG? WELL, I DON'T ***BLAME*** HER! ANYWAY, ***I'M*** THE STRONG GUY IN ***HER*** LIFE!

HMM! I DON'T GO FOR THAT TYPE, BUT I'LL JUST STOP IN FOR A SECOND TO SEE WHAT HE'S *LIKE!*
SAY, HEDY! *WAIT!*
STUDIO PROJECTION ROOM
DON .... STRONG in "TOUGH GUY"
PSST! HEY, HEDY! WHY WASTE YOUR TIME *HERE?* AS YOUR AGENT, I JUST REJECTED THE CONTRACT FOR YOU TO ACT WITH THIS NEW GUY!
I'LL JUST STAY A *SECOND!* I WANT TO SEE WHAT HE *LOOKS* LIKE!
POW!
TWO HOURS LATER...
BUT, HEDY, YOU SAW THE PICTURE *TWICE!* DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO...
QUIET! YOU'LL BREAK THE SPELL! THIS DON STRONG IS *TERRIFF!*
STILL LATER...
HEDY! COME OUT OF IT, WILL YOU? YOU'RE IN A *DAZE!* HE'S NOT *YOUR TYPE AT ALL!*
HE'S MINE, HE'S ALL MINE, AND I *CAN'T WAIT* TILL WE'RE IN THAT PICTURE *TOGETHER!*
WHAT? YOU JUST TOLD LE GRAND YOU DIDN'T WANT *ANYTHING TO DO* WITH DON STRONG!
DID I? WELL, IT'S A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE TO CHANGE HER MIND... AND I JUST *DID!*
JUST TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT DON STRONG AND TELL ME YOU *STILL* WANT HIM FOR YOUR LEADING MAN!
I *AM* LOOKING! AND *DO I?* BUT *DEFINITELY!*
DON STRONG
COLOSSAL STUDIO'S NEW STAR
I'LL JUST TAKE *THIS* TILL THE REAL THING COMES ALONG! AND AS MY AGENT, *YOU* SEE THAT *HE DOES!*
GULP!

♪ OH, DONNY! OH, DONNY! HOW YOU CAN LOVE! ♫
H-MM...AND I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY HE-MAN IN HER LIFE!
HMMPH! WHAT'S THAT GUY GOT THAT I HAVEN'T GOT!
GREGORY LE GRAND PRODUCER
PRIVATE
IT'S ALL FIXED! GET THAT PUNK DON STRONG, AND HEDY WILL SIGN THE CONTRACT!
GABBY, MY BOY, YOU'RE A GENIUS! DON IS HERE! NOW YOU GET HEDY!
I HEARD THAT CRACK, YOU TWO-BIT AGENT! I OUGHT TO TEAR YOU APART!
I OUGHT TO...
SAVE THAT FOR THE PICTURE, STRONG!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH HEDY!
HE DOESN'T LOOK SO HOT OFF THE SCREEN! MAYBE HEDY WILL CHANGE HER MIND AGAIN!
WELL, HEL-LO! ♪
HMMM... THIS KID'S A KNOCKOUT!
BABY, FOR YOU I'D SMILE ALL DAY LONG!
♪ HMMM... WHAT A LINE!
PLEASE DO YOUR SMILING LATER! ALL I WANT IS THIS CONTRACT SIGNED!
CONTRACT
NOW THAT THE FORMALITIES ARE OVER, WHAT SAY WE GO OVER OUR LINES TOGETHER?
WHY, I'D LOVE TO, DON!
OH, BROTHER! HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO OVER HIS LINE! IT'S PERFECT!

TWO WEEKS LATER, THE SHOOTING OF THE NEW FILM STARTS...
AT LAST! NOW MY HE-MAN, DON STRONG, WILL COME TO MY RESCUE AND TAKE ME IN HIS MANLY ARMS!
AHA! UNHAND HER, YOU CUR!
CRASH!
NOW YOU SHALL PAY FOR YOUR VILLAINOUS WAYS!
OOOH! WHATTA MAN!
OKAY! DOUBLE, TAKE OVER!
WELL OF ALL TH... AND JUST WHEN THINGS WERE GETTING INTERESTING!
OKAY, START 'EM UP AGAIN! LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!
A DOUBLE, EH?
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FAKER!
WHO, ME? THAT'S SILLY!
YES, YOU! WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR OWN FIGHTING?
OH NO! NO BIG STAR EVER DOES HIS OWN FIGHTING! MY DOUBLE ALWAYS DOES IT FOR ME!
THEN IT'S YOUR DOUBLE WHO'S THE REAL HERO!
(GULP!) GOSH, LADY, YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!

YOU'RE REALLY THE BIG HERO!
LIKE I SAID, LADY...TAKE IT EASY! I GOT ME A WIFE AND THREE KIDS!
AND WHAT'S MORE, LADY, I'M NO HERO...'CAUSE I'M NOT ALLOWED TO REALLY HIT ANYBODY! THEY JUST FALL DOWN WHEN MY FIST COMES CLOSE!
I QUIT! I DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH A STARRY-EYED, OVER-ROMANTIC PRIMA DONNA!
YOU QUIT? I QUIT! I'M THROUGH!
OOOH! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN ALL MY LIFE! BOO-HOO!
BOO HOO! HOO! HOO!
DON'T WORRY, HEDY! I HEARD WHAT THAT STUFFED HAM SAID, AND I'LL AVENGE YOUR HONOR!
WAIT A MINUTE! FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS I DON'T USE A DOUBLE!
I ALWAYS SAY TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE...
OOOH! I CAN'T LOOK! THEY'LL KILL HIM!
OH, GABBY! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
...AND THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE BROUGHT TOGETHER LIKE THIS!
CONK!
GABBY, DARLING... I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE! YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL!
OH, IT WASN'T MUCH! ANY OTHER BIG, STRONG, HANDSOME GUY LIKE MYSELF WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING!
AND THERE GOES MY PICTURE! OOOOOH!
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THE END

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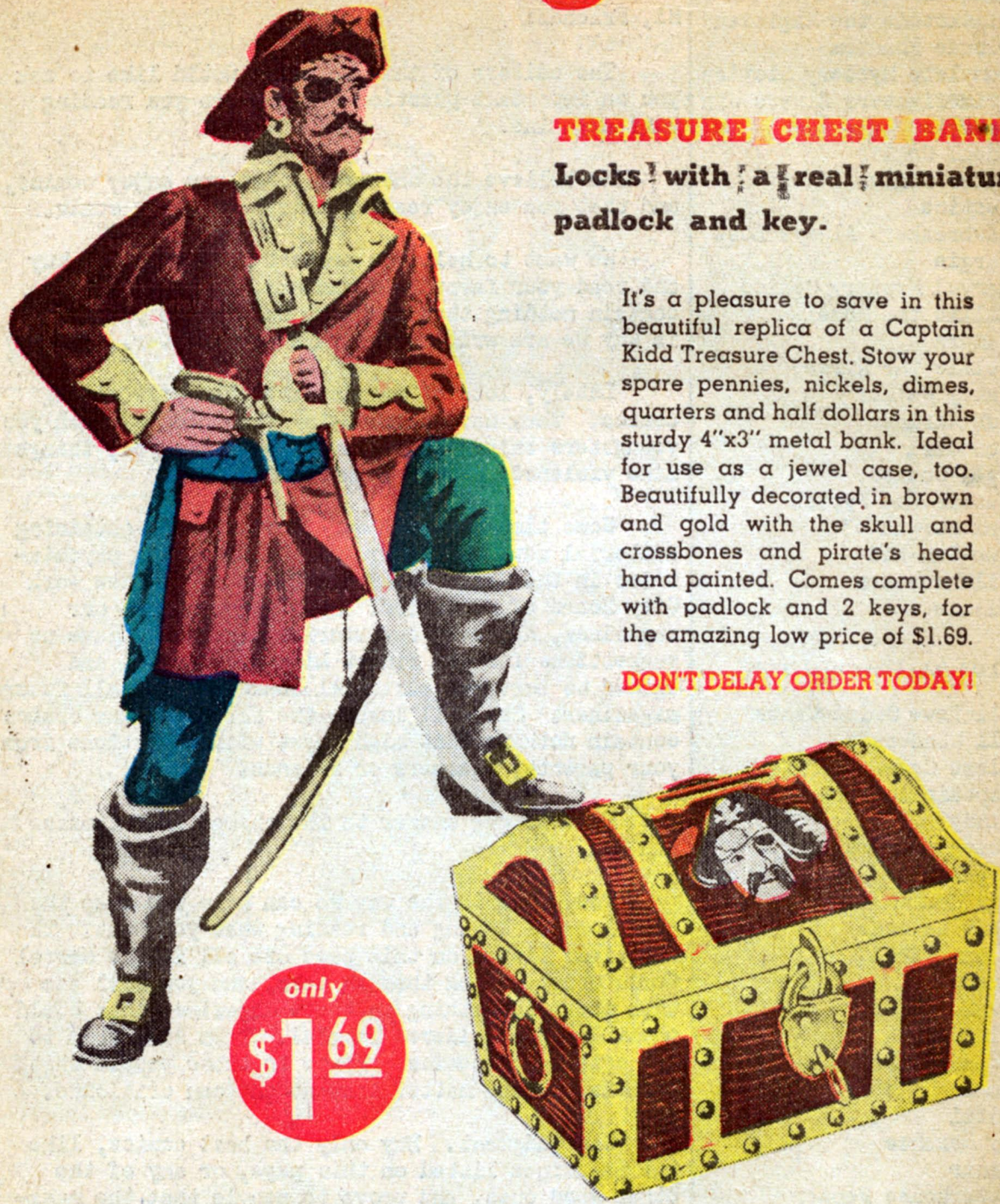

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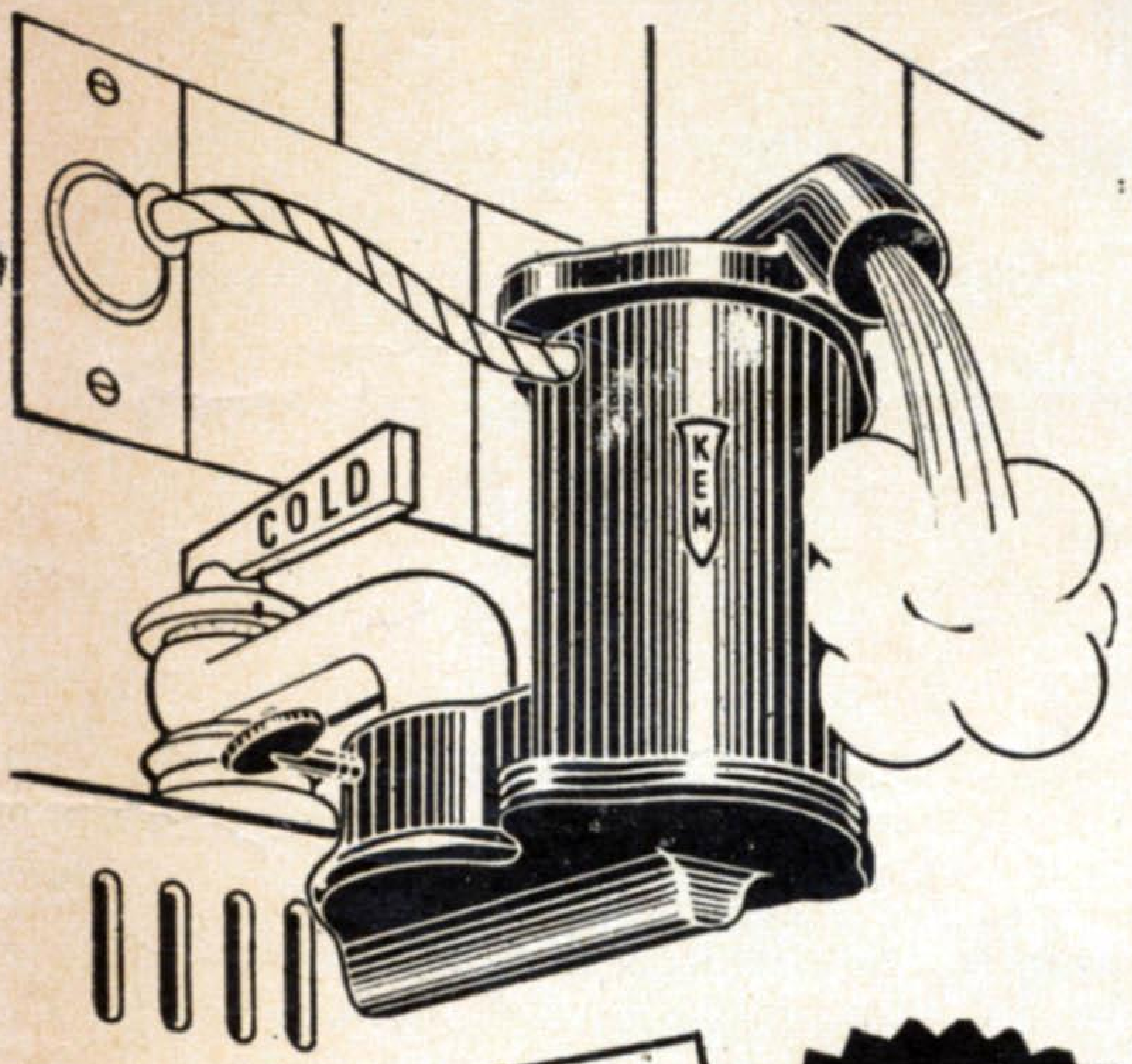

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